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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### PLAN 2000

by Ted Hunt

#### Vision and Mission

How do you see our League? What should our League be doing?

I see the Mission of the Los Angeles Police Protective League as helping our members develop their knowledge, skills and abilities as professional police officers so we can provide the most efficient and effective police services possible.

If we're the best - if we provide the most efficient and effective police services possible, then we deserve the best economic package possible - **the best pay and the best benefits**. It's called pay for performance.

We deserve to be treated fairly. Our League should **enhance and protect our legal rights**. We need to change the 1.28 system and continue to help our defense representatives and our legal staff defend us when we're wrongly accused.

We need to make sure that we receive *Solid, Reliable, On-going, Verifiable Training* (by Gordon Graham, Esq.). We need to make sure that all officers are properly trained in policy, procedure, law, techniques and tactics.

As police officers, we are held accountable for knowing these things but are we properly trained in those areas?

The City and the Department should not be allowed to get away with "scape-goating" an innocent officer who was doing what he or she thought they were supposed to do.

We need to re-examine and **improve the Department's training programs so they are fair and equitable to all officers**.

Officers who want to improve themselves by going back to college should be helped. The Department should not be allowed to put obstacles in their way by changing an officer's schedule or assignment in the middle of a semester.

The City benefits from a better educated officer. **The City should help pay for the officer's education**.

#### Budget and Planning

One of the most important things that the president of an organization does is to present a budget to his or her board of directors. As your President, I will submit a budget to the Board of Directors that will cut the fat and focus our money AND focus the efforts of our Directors on the most important things. *First Things First*.

I will also submit a companion Strategic Plan. It will center on getting

done what needs to be done, in other words, focusing on our **core mission (purpose)**:

- Getting a great contract
- Protecting our legal rights
- Improving our professionalism

If it doesn't help fulfill our mission, goals and objectives, then we shouldn't spend our time and money on it.

#### Follow the Plan

There is no reason to have a plan unless it's followed. This plan is a so-called "living plan," it is not set in concrete. We need to be able to flex and adapt as new challenges arise and old challenges are overcome. But the essential course is very clear and very pointed.

Our League, that means Directors, Delegates and Members must concentrate on our essential business (*contract, rights and professionalism*), and our **core goals** for 2000:

- Contract
- Compressed Work Schedule
- Improved Legal Defense
- FLSA
- Binding Arbitration

... and when we have completed one of those goals, we need to replace the completed goal with a new goal -

significantly improve our pensions.

We've got serious business to take care of. All of our efforts and all of our activities should be focused on fulfilling our mission, goals and objectives.

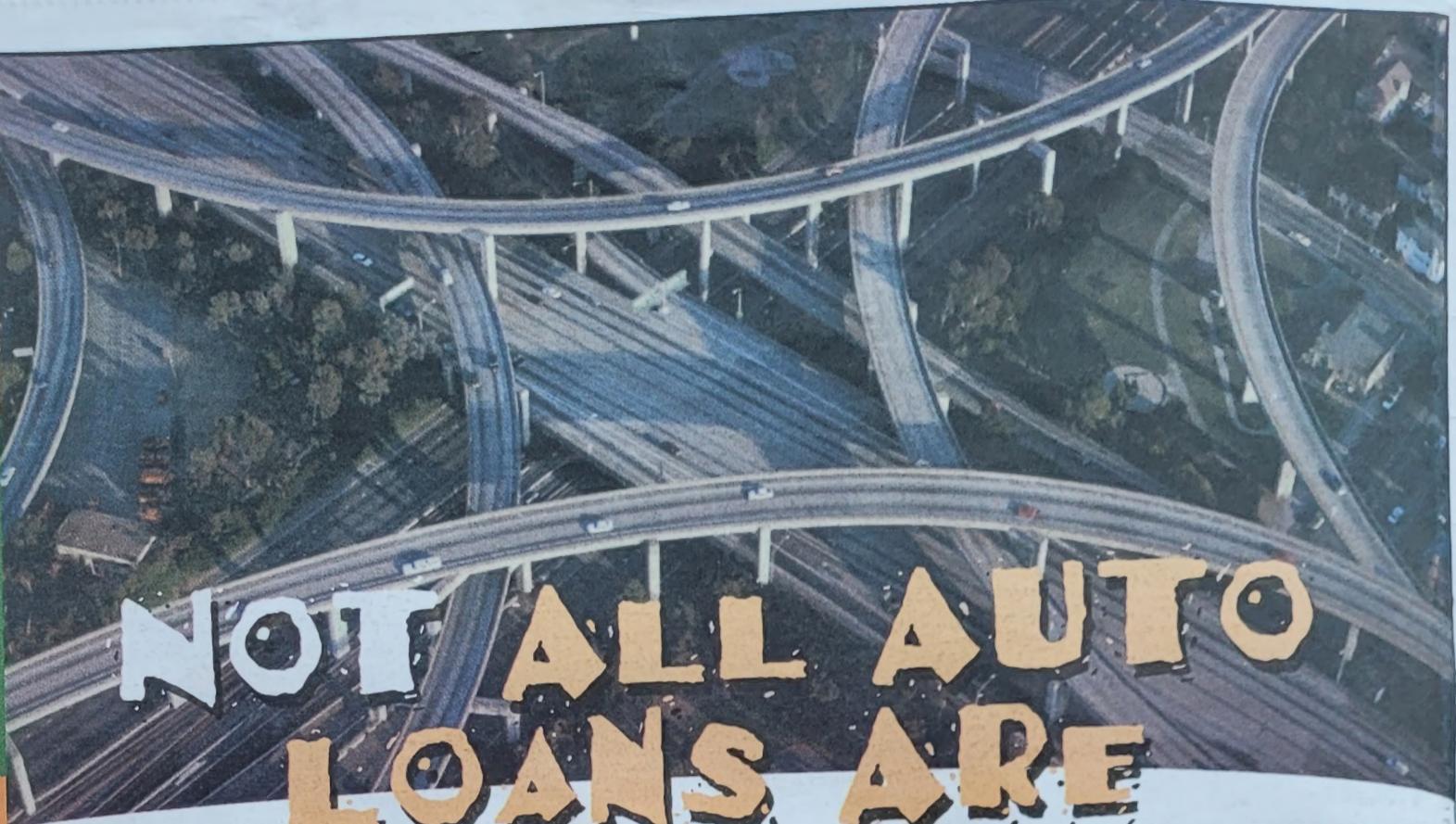
If participating in a recreational activity or sport can be directly shown to help in fulfilling our mission, fulfilling our purpose, goals and objectives, then by all means, go and do your job. But if a Director is just going to have a "day out on the League," then I oppose it. Do it on your own time and at your own expense, not League time.

#### Public and Press Relations

The taxpayers are vital in this plan. They are the ones who pay our salary. We need to reach out to them and let them know what is going on. Right now, they only hear from the news media and the Department.

We will wrap up our action plan with a professional, public relations and press relations program. In my Budget and Plan 2000, there is funding for a public relations and press relations professional. We need to show the other side of the story, the hard-

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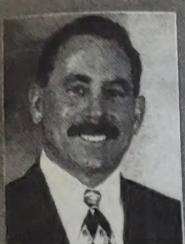
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## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

GARY MORGAN, VICE PRESIDENT

### MOU Survey Results Continue to Pour Into the League Office

The Protective League Board of Directors and your negotiating team would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming responses on the MOU survey. These responses will play a valuable part in our future contract negotiations. I would like to encourage any member who has yet to complete the survey and help us reach a 90% return rate. This response sends a critical message to those City officials that we must negotiate with. Our membership is united and we know what we want.

### The Real Political Fight and What Are Those Behind the Scenes Really Trying to Accomplish?

During the past few months, the election process has taken an extremely unfortunate direction. I have seen candidates attempt to slander and discredit their opponents, post information pertaining to their personal work history on bulletin boards, and go to roll calls and disseminate misleading and false information. All of which has been done with an intent to win.

The real concern or question we must ask ourselves, are these the qualities

and character we want in our future Directors? Should the Director positions be so politically motivated that individuals want to win at all costs and forget the purpose of being a good Director?

When I prepared this article, the election results were in fact, not known. The final results had not been tabulated. The questions and input I seek from you now are merely intended to provide a check and balance system within our members and our organization. I did not personally attack my opponent during the campaign, for many reasons. I tried to put the future of our organization and the dignity of the Director position before my personal agenda. Your opinion of me is important to me personally, yet your decision or vote, is your right and your individual decision. The election process must always remain a choice of the membership.

I have supported this organization for over twenty-six years and I am not going to let these incidents change my character, nor my integrity. I believe I have demonstrated by my actions and performance, my only interest has always been the benefits of our membership. We must protect the rights, benefits and working conditions of our officers today and in the future.

If Directors/candidates start putting their personal objectives above the

membership's best interest, we as an organization will eventually fail, and in those failures will eventually cause damage to our organization and our benefits, wages and working conditions.

The campaign for the first time has generated an extremely noticeable interest by a few League attorneys. This interest was noticed in donations or attempts for donations, lobbying efforts, direct E-mails, and yes, a direct effort to influence the election process. Once again, we must ask ourselves, why? What issues are so important to attorneys to give funds, and place their involvement in these issues. I personally think the involvement might focus around the financial benefits. The Protective League Board has continued over the past few years to expand the legal budget. This expansion has been based on the needs of our members, and the future of who may receive those funds could be at risk by some.

I personally feel Directors must purposely avoid financial contact or donations with League attorneys, if nothing else, to avoid the appearance of improper behavior. I would strongly suggest we amend our bylaws to include such a provision.

Additionally, I would strongly recommend we immediately proceed forward with modifications to our bylaws and policy manual. I have seen over the last three years, what I honestly considered to be work ethic concerns or allowances that would be of disappointment to our members. I must also say these observations are only directed at a few Directors. These observations would be in the area of work schedules, accountability, and performance.

Those that read this may say, it's a campaign speech for the presidency.

And yes, I had intended to run for the position of president of our organization. But for reasons other than those echoed by a few of my fellow Directors. I did not believe trips to promote one's education, resume, self-interest, financial interest, or future political appointment will benefit our organization. Those actions will clearly benefit the individual, but the organization clearly is not the main objective.

I honestly believed the person occupying the position of president must play a strong leadership role in our organization, have a vision of our future and most importantly always do what he or she knows is the right thing for the organization, not the future interest of an individual. We have seen Directors come and go over the years, and some have held this position for their own personal future or interest.

We must modify our bylaws and policy to exclude paid political positions while in office, modify and disclose any financial interest or possible investments that could benefit an individual based on their position as a Board member, and demand an accountability of our Directors that is above approach.

I will continue to move our organization in a path for the future and in a direction we can all be proud of. I still believe we must work on these issues if we are to protect our future and the future of those who may follow in our profession.

I sincerely thank the membership of the LAPPL, no matter what their decision may be. I truly feel I have been given an unbelievable opportunity to make this organization a better place to work, improve our benefits, working conditions, and wages, and for that opportunity I will be forever grateful.

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# PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS

TIM SANDS, TREASURER

## **Virtual Investigations (VI)**

I have been given the task of meeting and conferring with the Department regarding Virtual Investigations (VI). VI is a new proposed process by which personnel complaints are completed. Normally, an officer accused of misconduct would be given a very thick paper investigation which would include copies of all addenda and transcribed statements (the letter of transmittal, etc.). As has been done in the past, the investigation would be given to the officer just days before the statute expires, thus reducing the time the officer has to respond to Skelly. A VI as proposed by the Department now contains the complete investigation on a computer disk. The only element that is missing from a VI as compared to a traditional investigations is the paraphrased statements. Officers and Defense Reps will be able to access the investigation through a computer. They will be able to access all addenda and hear all statements.

The League believes that the VI program could be viable, as it appears to reduce the time an officer has to wait to

have a personnel investigation adjudicated. As has been demonstrated in the past, when an officer is the subject of a personnel complaint, he or she normally will not promote or transfer anywhere pending the adjudication of the complaint, which sometimes has taken close to a year.

However, as with any new process, there are some major bugs in the system. Those being, computer training and equipment; privacy of a computer to review the investigation; access to computers; paraphrased or transcribed statements needed at a Board of Rights; and other logistical and training problems.

I have met numerous times with the Department regarding these issues. The League has presented the Department with proposals regarding the VI which we believe will be satisfactory to both the Department and LAPPL. I will be updating the membership in future articles. I also hope that every member had a great Thanksgiving, and I wish everybody a joyous Christmas and New Year!

Take care and be safe.

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**CCLEA** California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations representing 28 California police officer associations.

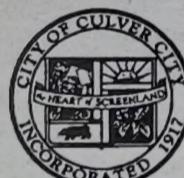
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DENNIS P. ZINE, SECRETARY



Since first elected as a League Director, I have made it an annual tradition to remember our slain LAPD officers in my December column.

While we and our families enjoy this festive time of the year, it is important that we all take a moment and say a prayer for our deceased brother and sister officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the people of Los Angeles.

A holiday card or telephone call to a deceased officer's surviving family member will assist them in coping with the sadness this holiday season brings.

## Line Of Duty Deaths: 1907-1999

### Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

#### 1907

Officer C. A. May  
Officer P. H. Lyons

#### 1908

Captain W. H. Auble

#### 1910

Officer David Brooks

#### 1911

Officer A. B. Crusey

Officer C. S. Bowman

Officer J. B. Wylie

Officer F. C. Eiler

#### 1914

Officer J. F. Crehan

Officer R. V. Murray

#### 1915

Officer J. T. Toolen

Det. Lieutenant J.E. Browning

#### 1916

Officer Walter Krops

Officer T. J. Kronschnable

#### 1917

Officer James Ellsworth

Officer O. E. Barney

Lieutenant C. E. Johnson

#### 1918

Officer G. J. Smith

Officer Harry A. Byers

Officer E. W. Stone

Officer Peter Isaackson

Officer Isaac Gibeau

Officer B. M. Cook

Officer W. C. Cherry

Officer Harry A. Gates

Officer David C. Towles

Sergeant A. C. Wedge

Officer L. E. Trebilcock

Officer George A. Nelson

Officer Joseph A. Matlock

Officer S. L. Walker

Officer J. C. Clifford

#### 1919

Officer P. J. Downey

Officer Jasper Romero, Jr.

Officer C. B. Wyatt

#### 1920

Officer Elijah Bradley

Officer D. C. Hathaway

Officer J. G. Magness

#### 1921

Officer W. L. Brett

Officer Harry Clester

Lieutenant John Fitzgerald

**1922**  
Officer V. O. Dinsmore  
Lieutenant R. F. Shy

**1923**  
Officer Archie Cruse

Officer M. Mc Donaugh

Officer C. P. Williams

**1924**  
Officer R. D. Green

Officer G. E. Bond

Officer G. S. Papst

Officer E. E. Wilhoit

Officer F. E. Corley

**1925**  
Officer C. M. Partin

Officer Ralph Miover

Officer Wylie Smith

**1938**  
Officer W. E. Long  
Lieutenant George C. Howard

Officer Weymouth T. Lockridge

**1939**  
Lieutenant Harry G. Emsley

Officer William G. Brown

**1940**  
Officer Orley O. Samer

**1941**  
Officer George R. Colvin

Officer F. E. Stansell

Officer Joseph Daniels

Officer Warren Chamberlain

**1942**  
Officer Lee Bunch

Officer Varlo Deiro

**1944**  
Officer James Summers

**1955**  
Detective Clay Hunt

Officer Harry Miller

**1956**  
Officer Leo Wise

Officer Robert Christensen

**1958**  
Officer Thomas Scibbi

Officer Joseph Bennett

Sergeant Gene Nash

**1959**  
Officer Jose Castellanos

Officer Charles Bogardus

Officer Gilbert Reyes

Officer Robert Sweet

**1960**  
Officer Richard Kent

**1961**  
Officer Sidney Riegel

Officer Martin Parker

Officer Leroy Wadsworth

**1962**  
Officer Charles Hallenbeck

**1963**  
Officer Ian Campbell

**1964**  
Officer Robert Endler

Officer Charles Monaghan

Officer Norm Piepenbrink

**1965**  
Officer Gary Mc Donald

**1966**  
Officer Malcolm Beaty

Officer Keith Du Puis

Officer John Smith

Officer Alex Ilnicki

Officer Larry Amberg

**1967**  
Officer Roger Warren, Jr.

**1977**  
Officer David Bailey

**1979**  
Officer James Choquette

Officer David Kubly

**1980**  
Detective Curtis Hagele

**1981**  
Officer Steven Alberts



**1983**

Reserve Officer Stuart Taira

Officer Paul Verna

Officer Jack Evans

Officer Arthur Soo Hoo

Officer William Wong

**1984**

Officer Duane C. Johnson

**1985**

Detective Thomas C. Williams

**1986**

Officer Ronald L. Ball

Detective Arleigh E. McCree

**1987**

Officer Randolph L. Marshall

Officer James H. Pagliotti

**1988**

Officer James Beyea

Officer Daniel Pratt

Officer Derrick Connor

Officer Manuel Gutierrez

Officer David Hofmeyer

**1989**

Officer Kelly Key

Detective Norm Echols

**1990**

Detective Russell Kuster

**1991**

Officer Tina Kerbrat

Officer Randy Champe

Officer Gary Howe

**1992**

Officer David Schmid

Officer Ray Messerley

Detective Edward Kislo

**1993**

Officer Joe Rios

**1994**

Officer Clarence Wayne Dean

Officer Christy Lynn Hamilton

Officer Charles Dean Heim

**1995**

Officer Gabriel Perez-Negron

**1996**

Officer Mario Navidad

**1997**

Officer Van Derrick Johnson

**1998**

Officer Steven Gajda

Officer Filbert H. Cuesta, Jr.

Officer Brian E. Brown

*May they and the departed souls of all law enforcement officers rest in peace.*

*(Note: Additional information on slain officers can be found on: www.lapdonline.org)*

### In The Line-of-Duty

"We pledge our best efforts to stand behind the men and women who stand behind the badge."

"The job of a peace officer is perhaps the most difficult and challenging one of all in our society. We are very thankful to those who are willing to risk injury or even death in order to provide greater protection and safety for all of us."

"Each time an officer gives his life in the daily performance of his job, a piece of foundation upon which this nation was formed is chipped away."

-Gov. George Deukmejian  
May 13, 1988 Dedication-

**1945**  
Sergeant Charles Bridgeman

Officer Isaac Lankford

Officer Norbert Huseman

**1946**  
Officer Jack Harris

Officer Walter



## THE NEW MILLENNIUM

CLIFF RUFF

Remember the legal saying that "bad cases make bad case law." Well it happened to 47.5 of the California Civil Code. That's the law that allowed police officers to sue people that knowingly made false complaints against them. In a Southern California case, an officer threatened to sue a citizen who made a complaint against him as the result of a traffic stop. The citizen challenged the constitutionality of 47.5 in federal court and the ruling was that 47.5 is unconstitutional for inhibiting the First Amendment right to free speech. We've lost a good law and this case would be the wrong one to appeal. Our legal office as well as those of our statewide colleagues are analyzing our options for some form of relief.

The next bad case that is going to haunt us on pensions is the outrageous decision of Los Angeles County Employee Retirement Association to declare deceased Sheriff Sherman Block's slip-and-fall at home a duty-related death, and grant his widow a \$232,908.00 pension. So how does that affect you? Your pension benefits are determined by the voting public through Charter changes on the ballot. So, as the public gets upset over the newspaper reporting of alleged excess public employee pension and disability benefits, do you think they will be in the

mood to approve Article 35 benefits or DROP for you? This is not a good time for us to receive the brunt of abuses in the County Retirement System. Stand by on this one because we are planning some pension benefit increases for the November 2000 ballot. Want some more bad news? Zev Yaroslavsky is leading the charge for pension reform both in Sacramento and Los Angeles County. Zev is also a leading candidate for L.A. Mayor in 2001.

For those of you who follow the investments in our pension system, they made a sizable investment in Amerindo Technology Fund and within a year netted a 209% return. They made over \$600 million. They are now reducing their holdings because Amerindo is a high risk internet and to conform with their asset allocation formulas. An excellent hit and run by our pension commissioners and the investment officers.

So as the millennium winds down to an end, what are you doing in your personal finances to hedge against the uncertainties of the Department's Draconian disciplinary system or any of the many emergencies that can occur in one's life? Are you participating in Deferred Comp? Do you have a personal savings program? Are you paying off credit card debt? If not... why not? This is the time to start the millennium off right. Make New Year's resolutions

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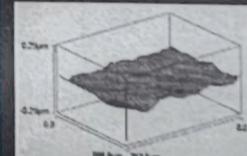
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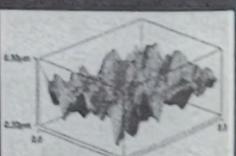
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# TOP COPS

RICK WELLS

## And This Too Shall Pass

Not long ago, I got a call from a young officer who was having great difficulty dealing with what he perceived as the "Death of LAPD," as he knew it. His perceptions were due primarily to what he identified as the "Rampart Division Scandal." As he spoke it was clear that he wasn't just bellyaching or whining. He was seriously hurt that the Department that he had taken great pleasure and comfort in belonging to, and identifying with, was now covered by the black cloud of scandal. I don't think it was his personal ego that he was talking about but rather his sense of team identity and integrity that had been shattered by the likes of Raphael Perez. This young man has been a cop for only a few years and was certain that the situation involving Perez would somehow brand him and the rest of us as being corrupt. I doubt if he is alone in this feeling.

The sad truth is that this isn't the first, nor will it be last time a member of this Department has crossed the line into a criminal venture and given up the right to be considered a peer of those of you that refuse to sell out your personal integrity for any price. Every scandal brings its own black cloud. Every scandal also brings upheaval in the "Division of Occurrence," and creates its own innocent victims whose lives will be altered, perhaps forever, as the Department does what it must do to identify, contain and neutralize the poisoned apple(s) among us. For a time the anti-police types will have a field day at our expense. They will crawl out from under their rocks and take some cheap shots because that is their nature and role. Police-reformers will bring in the big guns. It will not be a pleasant time for any of us at LAPD. Some of our own will overreact. Others will try to capitalize on the 'opportunity' to promote themselves at the expense of innocents. Bad times seem to bring out the worst in some. It also brings out the real leaders too. I guess that is just how life is sometimes.

Fortunately the average citizens out there in LAPD-land will, and do remember, that in spite of rogues like Rafael Perez, there are almost 10,000 other LAPD Officers who have nothing to do with this scandal, nor any others. They are the real LAPD. They are the good men and women that routinely provide high quality police services in spite of great personal and professional risks.

We have all been temporarily tarnished by this sad era in LAPD history. If I can offer any advice based on experience it is simply to accept that with time this too will pass, as have all the other similar affairs of our history.

Rather than talk about a very few bad apples amongst us; let me tell you a story about incredible integrity, courage and heroism. I will tell you a true story about a group of our peers who represent the best of the best among you. Officers of such integrity, personal courage and honor that they were willing to risk serious injury or death to save the life of a brother officer they had never met.

The story I'm about to tell you outshines any black clouds brought by Perez, et al.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the show.

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a national level 'union of police unions.' The League is a member of NAPO.

For the last six years NAPO has attempted to honor those very special offi-

cers in America whose courage and dedication to duty exemplify the best of the best among us. To that end they created the Annual TOP COPS Awards dinner to bring national recognition and honor to officers involved in ten incidents nationwide. Annually NAPO receives hundreds of nominations from around the country for various acts of police service and police-related heroism. From those hundreds of incident nominations a screen-down process takes place that results in one nomination per state reaching the finals. In the end, a mere ten incidents are selected as the TOP COPS AWARDS WINNERS for that year.

Each year the League's Board of Directors selects a single incident involving members of the League from various incidents occurring throughout the year to be our nomination. Through the magic of a little plagiarism mixed with some guesswork, a touch of creativity and a bunch of luck, a NAPO TOP COPS Nomination is created. Sometimes we get lucky and the NAPO Selection Committee agrees with our choice. When that happens our local heroes get a free trip to Washington D.C. that most will never forget.

- In 1994 Officers Raymond Mendoza and Gerald Ballesteros from Newton CRASH were the first LAPD TOP COPS Awards recipients for heroism during a shooting where they were ambushed by multiple gang suspects causing severe injuries to Officer Mendoza.
- In 1995 Officers Hong Kim and Don Lint were TOP COPS Awards recipients for the heroic rescues of two separate and unrelated earthquake victims within minutes of each other. Both victims were about to burn to death, but for their rescues.
- In 1996 Officer Mike Grasso was a TOP COPS Awards recipient for a daring rescue of two victims being swept down a drainage channel less than a mile from certain death at a debris break-up device.
- In 1997 Metro Officers Robert Hamilton and Timothy Russell were nominated for the award for bravery shown during an intense protracted gun battle with an armed, robbery suspect who shot both of them ambush style as they were trying to apprehend him.
- In 1998 Officers Don Anderson, Rick Massa, John Caprarelli, Edward Brentlinger, Dean Schram, Conrado Torrez, Richard Zielinski, Sergeant Steven Gomez, Detectives Vincent Bancroft, Jr., and Kevin Harley were TOP COPS Awards recipients for various shootings incidents and rescues of wounded citizens and officers, related to the capture of two violent armed robbery suspects involved in the North Hollywood Division, Bank of America OIS where several officers and citizens were critically wounded suspects wearing full body armor and wildly shooting full-automatic weapons at anyone they laid eyes on.

On October 21 of this year I had the privilege to visit the White House in Washington, D.C. While I stood in a garden with several Congressmen and various dignitaries, President Clinton honored seven of our own Los Angeles police officers for incredible acts of brav-

ery they had performed two years prior while attempting a downed-officer-rescue to save the life of Glendale Police Department Detective Charles Lazzaretto who was dying from multiple gunshot wounds received in an ambush inside a dark warehouse in Devonshire division.

The evening following the White House Presidential Presentation, our own League President Ted Hunt, Director Cliff Ruff, and I had the honor of witnessing the presentation of the distinguished NAPO 6<sup>th</sup> Annual TOP COPS Awards to those seven Los Angeles police officers, Andy Azodi, Jude Bella, Ryan Clark (now with the U.S. Army), Chris Dunn, Kevin J. Foster, Craig Schofield Hewitt and Chris Yzaguirre.

We were among 200 others, including, Congressmen Jim Rogan, Brad Sherman, Marty Martinez, California Assemblyman Scott Wildman, Members of the Glendale Police Officers Association. Special guests, included Andrew and Nan Lazzaretto, the parents of deceased Glendale Police Detective Charles Lazzaretto, Charles Lazzaretto's widow, Anamaria, and her father, Mr. Robert Taylor, LAPD Commander retired.

In a huge ballroom in the Washington Hilton Hotel, Vice President Al Gore took the time to stop by to say a few words about, and to, our heroes and their family members as well. That done, the presentations began with Ms. Lynn Russell from "CNN Headline News," and Mr. Richard Belzer from "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit," co-hosting the presentation portion of the evening. For the next hour-and-a-half, we listened to stories of police heroism that brought chills to the most hardened in the audience.

Then it was LAPD's turn. Richard Belzer did a great job of dramatically telling the story of how our guys decided to rescue Detective Lazzaretto from a completely darkened warehouse where

they knew the heavily-armed assailant was waiting inside. Lazzaretto and his partner Detective Arthur Frank were at the location to arrest Israel Gonzales for the brutal attempted murder of his former girlfriend in Glendale. As Lazzaretto and Frank were being escorted into the warehouse by an employee who had told them the suspect wasn't there, they were shot at from a catwalk area above their location. Lazzaretto fell to the floor and was non responsive to Frank's attempts to talk to him. Detective Frank was able to use a nearby office phone to request help from LAPD.

Soon thereafter, several LAPD officers arrived and attempted to locate Lazzaretto. They immediately were met with accurate gunfire from Gonzales who was hidden by the darkness.

Each of our heroes made a commitment to be part of a rescue team. Each chose to enter a dark building knowing full well that a crazed gunman was inside who had already shot one officer and had tried to shoot others. Each knew that Gonzales had an overwhelming tactical advantage of cover, concealment and unfortunately high ground. They also knew that he was an excellent marksman who would have no hesitation to shoot additional police officers if given the chance. Each knew the probability of being shot was greater than the possibility of not being shot. Each of them simply hoped that they would survive and get Lazzaretto out of the building so he could obtain badly needed medical treatment.

Officer Chris Yzaguirre assumed the role of team leader and together the team devised a hasty but sophisticated rescue plan that involved aggressive tactics, teamwork and most importantly an incredible trust in themselves and their other team members for their individual and collective survival.

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## A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



### League Joins City Attorney In Legal Fight Against L.A. Times

Because of our excellent working relationship with the office of City Attorney James Hahn, we at the League became aware that reporters from the *L.A. Times* had caused to be filed in Superior Court a petition for writ of mandate seeking a court order forcing the Department to turn over to the *Times* unredacted copies of all off-duty work permits approved for officers for the past five years. As you know, applications for work permits require applicant officers to disclose private information such as the name and address of the proposed private employer, salary, sick and IOD information, etc. After reviewing the legal pleadings, the Board of Directors authorized me to seek intervention in this very important case in the Superior Court. On November 5, 1999, over opposition by the *Times*, Judge David Yaffe, presiding in Department 86, granted the League's petition to intervene in the case on behalf of officers in opposition to the *Times'* petition for writ for mandate.

In its court pleadings, the *Times* argues that "[t]he LAPD's infamous 'Code of Silence' is blocking public knowledge of problems with the off-duty employment of its officers." It states further "...that the public interest in disclosure of the work permits involves the need to monitor the type of off-duty jobs held by De-

partment employees due to possible conflict of interest concerns and to monitor the nature of the work performed to determine whether or not it is appropriate." To support this position, the *Times* cited to the court several examples of instances covered in the press where the off-duty work of officers was an issue. What the *Times* conveniently, or intentionally, neglected to mention was that in each of the examples cited by them involving misconduct by off-duty officers at off-duty jobs, the involved officers did not have a work permit to work the off-duty position!

In addition to joining all of the arguments submitted by the City Attorney on behalf of the Department, our legal brief to the court argued that officers have a valid constitutional privacy interest in their work permits and, that common sense concerns regarding the potential dangers of releasing officers' work permits justify denying the *Times'* request. A hearing on the *Times'* petition has been set by the court, and we will keep you informed of all future developments in this case. Before moving on to other issues of interest to you, I feel a need to make one last comment about another one of the *Times'* arguments to the court.

The *Times'* brief tell the court that "[recent scandals involving the Los Angeles Police Department drive home the point made by these cases. Respondent's (Department) opposition boils down to the misguided notion that the LAPD is self-

policing and can be trusted to adequately monitor this area. This condescending attitude toward the public has been discredited so many times, in so many ways, it is surprising that it is still even asserted by the Department. There have been too many examples of the LAPD's and the Police Commission's failure to properly monitor its officers to allow this type of reasoning to prevail." Wow, such pompous hogwash! I surmised from this comment that the *Times* feels that they are the only ones that the court and the public can trust to adequately monitor the LAPD! I have a bit of news for you about the *Times*.

As partly reported by Peter H. King in the November 7th issue of the *Orange County Register*, the story begins with the *Times'* Sunday magazine of October 10th, an issue real fat with paid expensive advertisements and devoted to a single topic: the opening of the new Staples Arena. "What it took to bring the \$400 million Staples Center to downtown," the magazine's cover promised, "will surprise you."

This was not, it turned out, the only surprise in store. What the *Times*, once again intentionally and very unethically, omitted to disclose was that the advertising revenue from the October 10th Sunday magazine, estimated at \$200 million, had been secretly shared with its subject, Staples Arena, part of a very quiet deal for the newspaper's standing as an arena sponsor.

In my view, when you couple the *Times'* highly unethical mind set to split profits with one of their news sources with their recent biased and subjective attacks against the LAPD and its officers in its reporting of the tragic Mitchell shooting and the Rampart scandal, it should be obvious that we should all be very wary of anything we read in this rag-type newspaper, for their integrity is gone and there's not much left!

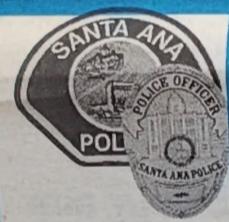
### League's Email Network

It's finally come to this: the League has been seeking ways of better communicating with all its members. Membership mass mailings, Delegates' meetings, 20-20 messages, and the *Thin Blue Line* all have this purpose, but unfortunately these mediums for communicating daily news that affect all members are not sufficiently fast enough. Accordingly, we are seeking your cooperation if you use computerized email at home.

We are in the process of establishing an email network with all members. The network will allow us the ability of instant communications of relevant messages regarding activities here at the League that have an effect on members' wages, hours, and working conditions. We are in the middle of attempting to properly address difficult issues dealing with discipline, grievances, work permits, take-home cars, surveys, etc. Timely input from members on many of these issues has become critical for us. Also, we are only a few months away of starting negotiations for a new contract and this input will be very much needed.

If you as a member want to be part of this network, please visit the League's Web site at LAPD.com or LAPPL.org and provide us with your email address. Because the network will be limited to members only, your name, serial number, and division will be asked for confirmation of membership. Also, we promise that your information will not be disclosed to anyone and that we will only send you messages related to our business on your behalf here at the League.

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# WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"  
—John Donne

It was a cold dark October on the legal front for League members. Five writs contesting Boards of Rights decisions were shot down by the courts, and a law that allowed police officers to sue persons who made false complaints against them was declared unconstitutional by a local federal court. It wasn't a matter of personalities either. The five writs were handled by three different judges, three different League panel attorneys and three different deputy city attorneys in various combinations. No, it's probably the atmosphere.

The California Supreme Court decision of *Fukuda v. City of Angels* came down in June of this year and has had an important impact for those wishing to uphold any decision by a Board of Rights. Officer Timothy Fukuda became involved in a pursuit that included driving in the opposite direction of traffic, engaging in a rolling roadblock and nearly being rammed by the suspect's vehicle. (The record doesn't say whether or not he caught the violator) His department thought the chase was unreasonably dangerous and that Fukuda had been less than truthful in his reports and interviews with Internal Affairs concerning the incident. They fired him. He appealed and won at the appeal court level. However, the Supremes disagreed. They found that when an agency decision comes to superior court on a writ, the "trial court must afford a strong presumption of correctness concerning the administrative findings, and the party challenging the administrative decision bears the burden of convincing the court that the administrative findings are contrary to the weight of the evidence." Combine this with the often heard comment by judges that they are not in the business of micro-managing LAPD and you can see what your chances are of second guessing a Board of Rights in court. It might be instructive to take a short look at each of these cases to see what we can learn from them to govern our future conduct. All of the cases are far more complex than can be given room here for full discussion, but some highlights can be pulled out for cautionary reasons.

The first case concerned numerous allegations that appeared to be cumulated into a count of creating a hostile work environment. The attorney pointed out that the officer's conduct did not fit into the technical requirements of the concept of "hostile work environment," but the judge reviewed Department documents and found language that indicated officers were supposed to treat each other civilly anyway. The message? Technical arguments are not going to be effective.

The second case involved an officer who ended up in a physical altercation with gang members while he was attending a Department-sanctioned picnic. The only witness that testified that he was assaulted (choked and lifted off the ground by his neck) was the gang member. Twenty other witnesses (including his fellow gang members) did not corroborate the gang member's story. Nevertheless, the Board's decision of guilt was upheld. If a Board of Rights chooses to believe one witness,

even if twenty others say something different happened, the Board is presumed to be correct. The message? You better have a video tape, witnesses don't cut it. Secondary message? Attend Department-sanctioned functions at your peril. Numerous officers were sent to Boards over this incident.

The third case addressed the double jeopardy issue. An officer was accused of domestic violence. He denied it all the way through the Board. The Board believed the complainant and stated on the record that this officer's penalty was increased because, in their opinion, he was not telling the truth. The Department then filed a second complaint against him for false and misleading at his Board. The second Board fired the officer. The attorney pointed out that the officer had already been disciplined for false and misleading by the first Board and that this was double jeopardy and against the Charter of the City of Los Angeles which states no officer "shall be tried twice for the same offense." The court disagreed. The second charge was properly brought, it said. The message? We used to think that the Chief of Police could only accept or lower the penalty recommended by the Board of Rights. Under this new theory, all the Chief has to do when he thinks the penalty is too light is to institute a second set of charges alleging the officer made false and misleading charges in the first Board and everyone gets a second chance to arrive at the "correct" penalty. Hey, if it doesn't work at the second Board, you can do it again and have a third Board, and so on, and so on, and so on. Secondary message? The time-honored "disciplinary wave" has been enhanced as a tool to rid the Department of undesirables. What is this? Well, when an officer has been classified as "undesirable" by management (sometimes for good reasons, sometimes for political reasons, it doesn't matter), the disciplinary wave treatment consists of a succession of personnel complaints, one after another, like waves, which eventually wash the officer's boat up on the rocks. By the time the crash occurs, the officer looks like a problem child that just can't behave. The fall of the double jeopardy issue allows a ready and easily charged series of disciplinary waves to be launched.

The fourth case involved procedural issues. An officer was denied a continuance she requested because her elderly father was scheduled for a brain operation four days before the Board and because the discovery requested by her defense representative had not yet been provided. She received one of the interview tapes five days before the Board and a critical communications tape the afternoon before the Board. She was forced to go with the Board anyway. The scheduled brain operation, although it might say volumes about the way in which management sometimes treats its employees, did not rise to a legal issue. The lack of discovery did. Although the Board of Rights Manual clearly states that "such material shall be furnished as soon as is practicable after the accused officer has selected the members for his or her Board of Rights" the court found that no abuse of discretion occurred because of this late discovery. The message? Only the accused officers have to follow the rules;

with the Department, following the rules is optional.

The fifth case involved a variation of the disciplinary wave that is becoming more prevalent with the current Brady issues. An officer was sent to a Board of Rights and disciplined. He was then ordered to be removed from the field. He was sent to a second Board of Rights for a relatively minor allegation. The second Board fired him largely because he could no longer work in the field. The attorney alleged that the officer should have been entitled to a hearing over the order removing him from the field since it was punitive. The court disagreed. All was well, in its view, with the termination. The message? The Brady letter issue is not going to cause a great deal of heartburn over at the Superior Court. Brady letters are those orders from the Chief removing an officer from the field because the officer has been found guilty of false and misleading allegations and this officer is now, in the Department's view, "damaged goods" and cannot testify anymore in a criminal proceeding.

Finally, officers were having considerable success in filing actions of slander in small claims court against citizens who filed false complaints against them. Most of you officers out there (all of you eventually) will know the frustration that comes when a false complaint is made against you. These complaints range from the unhappy citizen striking back over a perceived unjust ticket to a street gang deliberately and methodically eliminating specific CRASH officers from working in their assigned area. The Department, of course, takes any and all complaints from any and all sources. The investigation takes months and, during that time, forget about promotions and transfers. After all that, the light at the end of the tunnel was to have your day in court. The Civil Code specifically had an exception for police officers who were the victims of false complaints allowing them to sue for damages. Officers did and officers frequently won. This did not go over well with the ACLU. They maintained that a citizen's right to redress his or her government was being chilled. A federal judge agreed. He declared this section unconstitutional. Where should the officer go for redress? Why, there is no need for redress, the disciplinary system of the officer's department will protect the officer from false complaints, the court said. The message? You're on your own.

The League is in the process of deciding which of these cases should be ap-

pealed to a higher court, but, for now, the decisions stand.

What does all this mean? Well, for one thing, the Board of Rights is likely to be your only shot at justice. Select your Board members well. The Board member's intestinal fortitude and sense of fair play are going to be paramount in your fate because the courts are not likely to second guess any of their decisions. You need Board members who have the strength of character to call their own shots without fear of criticism from higher management. What if both of these people are on vacation? (Just kidding) Second, your emphasis at a Board should be on the *refuting of the facts* being alleged against you. A record must be made of the technical violations, but don't count on them for your ultimate success. Finally, be cautious of any conduct that could remotely be connected to false and misleading allegations. LAPD officers have finally hit the ultimate paradox. When is it better to admit that you did something you didn't do to avoid being charged with false and misleading allegations about denying something you didn't do? We are on the verge of seeing officers sent to Boards of Rights for making false and misleading statements by stating they committed some act of misconduct that they, in fact, did not commit to avoid being punished for false and misleading statements by a commanding officer that might believe they did what they didn't do.

The *Fukuda* case and the federal court's declaring the slander exception for police officers unconstitutional have closed off some safety valves for police officers. LAPD officers are in a pressure cooker and the heat is being turned up. Bad press, immediate downgrades and transfers on the mere accusation of misconduct, federal pressure on civil rights violations, multiple lawsuits from citizens, and a crazy complaint and discipline policy are all imposed on top of all of the regular pressures of one of the most stressful occupations in the nation. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to predict that a pressure cooker with no safety valves is at some point going to explode. Somebody out there better hear *warning bells* and provide these officers with a forum *they trust* in which they can air their complaints. Contract negotiations are coming up. Maybe we should be bargaining for due process instead of money.

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League Directors Dennis P. Zine & Ted Hunt with Councilman Alex Padilla and Speaker of the Assembly and Mayoral candidate Antonio Villaraigosa.



League Directors Dennis P. Zine & Ted Hunt and Rampart Division Officer David Peteque participating in a special radio program on the LAPD with talk show host Michael Jackson.



photo by Dennis P. Zine  
Mayor Riordan, Councilmen Wachs and Padilla join Chief Parks in recognizing the North Hollywood officers who received awards during the East Valley Police Community Partnership Luncheon: Officers Robert Munoz, Daniel Fournier, Richard Blue, Joan Leuck, David Riemen, Romik Keshishi, Larry Taylor, Mark O'Donnell, Paul Scott, Christopher Razo, Brandon Reese and James Miller.



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Van Nuys SLO Vivian Flores received an award from Senator Richard Alarcon for her community policing activities.



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Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski presented City Council resolutions to the following personnel for their distinguished efforts in the area of domestic violence investigations, resolution and prosecutions: PIII+1 Terry Cammack, PII Dikran Melkonian, Det. John Elder, PIII Linda Jaime, Det. II Michael Pinnaro, Det. Jeffrey Sandefur, Sgt. James Eicher, PII Floyd Walton, PII Jesus Miranda, PIII Kelie Sturgis, PIII Lester Vargas, PII Mark Lauderdale, PIII Debby Dresser.



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North Hollywood Detectives recognized for Detectives of the Quarter, 1999: Councilman Joel Wachs, Mayor Richard Riordan, Det. Martin Pinner, Det. Krista Keesling, Det. Richard Wiggington, Chief Parks and Councilman Alex Padilla.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters may be limited to 350 words or less. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor:

Retired officer Ben Staffer passed away in late October. In my past duties as a League Director, and as Chair of the Delegate and Membership Committee, I got to know Ben pretty well. He served as the liaison for the Retired Officers' Association to the Protective League.

He attended all League Delegate meetings and ensured that retired officers were kept aware of the League's activities. He impressed me with his sincerity and dedication, and was an all-around good guy. He will be missed.

Sincerely,  
Lenny Muñoz (LAPD Ret)

Dear Editor:

It has become quite obvious that the world is all too full of men and women whose self-worth is measured by how far they advance in their respective careers at the cost of those around them.

Nowhere is that more apparent than here on the LAPD. What used to be a family of brothers and sisters in blue, who not only watched out for each other but policed each other as well, has been reduced to one that is replete with childish tantrums and finger pointing sure to embarrass anyone within eye or earshot.

The chasm that divides those who are worthy of adulation from those that are undeserving is nowhere more vast than in

the recent retirement of Sgt-2 Jerry Stokes. To say that he will be missed is an understatement that will become only clearer as time progresses. Anyone who ever met Jerry Stokes was quick to find that he had no patience for liars or those quick with excuses. Jerry Stokes was and is a man whose integrity goes unchallenged—a quality many on this job should emulate—with thirty minutes or thirty years on. Many of us can recall having been the recipient of, or at the very least a witness to, one of Sgt. Stokes' "motivational one-on-one conferences."

Jerry Stokes is a man who leads by example in both his personal and professional life, and his supervision here at Training Division will be sorely missed by those of us who had the privilege and honor to say we worked for him. The best of luck for a long and happy retirement, Jerry. No one is more deserving!

Mike Kammert  
RCTU/Training Division

## Letter Of Thanks To Our L.A.P.D. Family

I would just like to say "thank you" to everyone who offered their help to myself and my family while Norm was in the hospital. I was truly blessed by everyone's sincere concern for Norm, but also how everyone made sure I was taken care of as well.

I never realized what a "family" L.A.P.D. truly made us until now. A special thank you to Sergeant Bob Kirk, who took Norm to the hospital, called me and waited the long hour until I arrived at the hospital.

Also, thank you to all who came to the hospital (too many to mention) as soon as you heard, even though the nurses had to give orders for no more officers to be let into I.C.U., we knew you were there and greatly appreciated it.

Thank you for making this terrifying time easier for me and my family. "Thank you for being family"

In Great Appreciation,  
Diane Dumais  
(Wife of Officer Norm Dumais)

Dear Everyone:

Please publish the following in the next issue of the Blue Line. It's a follow up to my previous correspondence published in the November issue. Thanks.

This is a follow up and an apology to my correspondence published in November's issue of the Blue Line. I advised members who have accounts with the Deferred Compensation program about two problems I had with Great West, the company that administers our program.

Briefly, one problem was the failure to roll over an expiring CD into a mutual fund, and the other was the failure to provide me with a requested prospectus. Both problems have now been addressed.

Subsequent to the published correspondence which appeared in the Blue Line, I provided correspondence to the City Deferred Compensation Board detailing my problems in order to begin documentation. Mr. Steven Montagna, MA II, responded to me. To my chagrin, Mr. Montagna informed me that the ... Aeltus Enhanced Core Strategy is NOT a mutual fund as defined and regulated by the SEC ... As such, the company is not required to provide and does not produce a prospectus. Aeltus Enhanced Core Strategy is a "collective trust", or an institutional investment product.

I'm thankful that Mr. Montagna took the time to respond to me and provide me with the information. However, it would have been nice if any of the numerous employees of Great West whom I contacted regarding this issue had informed me of this same information at any time.

Thank you very much for your time.

Regards,  
David A. Kaufman #20036 (Retd)

## END OF WATCH



NAME: John R. Sinclair #4798  
RANK: Police Officer II+2  
ASSIGNED TO: T.E.D.  
BORN: October 2, 1918  
APPT: July 1, 1947  
RETIRED: November 14, 1972  
DIED: September 27, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Eugene V. Burns #286  
RANK: Sergeant II  
ASSIGNED TO: West L.A.  
BORN: February 25, 1907  
APPT: February 20, 1929  
RETIRED: February 28, 1961  
DIED: October 1, 1999

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NAME: Albert J. Brett #5585  
RANK: Sergeant I  
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor  
BORN: March 30, 1925  
APPT: May 27, 1948  
RETIRED: August 29, 1974  
DIED: October 5, 1999

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NAME: Donald L. Gitt #3954  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Training  
BORN: October 22, 1919  
APPT: October 16, 1946  
RETIRED: September 7, 1971  
DIED: October 9, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Gordon W. Hill #2601  
RANK: Lieutenant  
ASSIGNED TO: Hollywood  
BORN: October 24, 1912  
APPT: December 15, 1941  
RETIRED: January 6, 1972  
DIED: October 11, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Robert M. Stone #10777  
RANK: Lieutenant I  
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys  
BORN: March 22, 1939  
APPT: February 6, 1961  
RETIRED: July 3, 1982  
DIED: October 15, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: George B. Burelson #5588  
RANK: Detective  
ASSIGNED TO: Newton  
BORN: August 27, 1923  
APPT: May 27, 1948  
RETIRED: October 19, 1971  
DIED: October 17, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Benjamin Staffer #4140  
RANK: Sergeant  
ASSIGNED TO: R&D  
BORN: November 23, 1922  
APPT: December 2, 1946  
RETIRED: June 30, 1978  
DIED: October 21, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Wallace R. Crittenden #3386  
RANK: Sergeant  
ASSIGNED TO: West L.A.  
BORN: September 2, 1920  
APPT: September 23, 1946  
RETIRED: November 6, 1966  
DIED: October 29, 1999

## In Memory of Ben Staffer, Active League Delegate

by Ted Hunt

Ben Staffer was born in Los Angeles in 1922. During World War II he joined the United States Marine Corps and fought in the Pacific. Upon his return to Los Angeles after the War, he joined LAPD and was a 30-year veteran of our great Department, retiring in 1978 as a Sergeant II.

Ben continued to be active in several areas including the Los Angeles Fire and Police Retired Association (LAFPRA), where he served them as the Delegate to the League. Ben al-

ways sat in the front at our meetings. He was friendly, warm, alert and inquisitive. He accurately recorded the information and diligently reported to the regular LAFPRA meetings.

Ben passed away on October 21, 1999. He will be greatly missed. We'll close our League Delegates' meeting today in his honor and send a proclamation to his wife commemorating Ben and his service as a police officer and as a Delegate. He was buried at Rose Hills on October 25. His family honored the League by asking me to speak at his Funeral Service.

## Poet's Corner

The below listed CRASH poem was written by a CRASH officer long since gone from us now. His spirit lives on in each CRASH officer that has worked proudly for Wilshire Division CRASH.

I am a soldier at war. In hardened streets, and darkened alleys I must stand and fight. I must defeat my enemies, or my enemies will kill me. Before God and my unit I pledge this creed.

I must stand proud and true, so that my children, and all little boys and girls everywhere can look up to me as a role model. For I am a proud member of the Los Angeles Police Department, and I am a CRASH officer. While my enemies sport rags of red and

blue, I proudly display a shiny badge of courage and conviction.

For what I do is an honorable thing. For I do God's work and I refuse to be beaten. By God's will, with power, and fire, I will always be victorious. I refuse to just go along with the program, for I am the program. I refuse to just stand by and watch the fight, for I am the fight. And now that you know my name, and what I am, know this also... I am not afraid, and I will never give up.

—A Spirit in CRASH

## President's Message

Hunt

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working men and women of this Department who sacrifice so much for the people of Los Angeles.

### Communicating With You

We need to get our message out to the public and to you. There is a criticism of the Board of Directors that "they don't do anything." We have a plan. We have goals and objectives, and you will be able to see whether or not we do anything. We will get results. And we will get the message of "what we do" back to you.

Two of the most effective ways that corporations get the message (what the organization did during the past year) back to the stakeholders, is to publish an annual report. Dave Hepburn and I often discussed this issue and how important it is. The annual report can be done in two ways:

- Traditional written format
- Video tape message

I will propose a year end video report on how we did in the year 2000. What we accomplished.

### Coalition Building

We'll accomplish our goals by building coalitions which are based on relationships. Things get done based on relationships - friends helping friends.

If you ask a bunch of strangers to help you build a patio, you won't get any volunteers. But if you ask your friends, the people whom you've helped in the past, the chances are much better that many of them will help you. Not all of them, but many of them. That's what relationships are about. Friends helping

friends. Co-workers helping co-workers. Relationships mean working together to build coalitions. Coalitions are built upon trust.

I've demonstrated my abilities in building successful relationships and coalitions as our advocate in Sacramento for the past four years. Through those relationships, built on trust, working together, we have passed more legislation to help you in four years than any other time. Here are a few examples of the legislation. They are all focused on officer safety and protecting your legal rights:

1. *Department must complete a personnel complaint within one year or they can't take punitive action against you.*
2. *Department can not knowingly alter, tamper with or conceal or destroy relevant evidence from your personnel file.*
3. *Unfounded and exonerated complaints must be removed from general personnel file and can't be used in considering you for promotion or transfer.*
4. *It is a felony for a convicted felon to own, possess or use body armor.*
5. *It is a misdemeanor to knowingly make a false complaint against an officer.*
6. *Department can not put your photo on the Internet without your express permission.*
7. *Cancer is presumptive IOD.*
8. *A chief of police must be POST certified.*
9. *Added one rank-and-file officer to POST Commission.*
10. *You can't be forced to take a Voice Stress Analyzer (so called "voice lie detector") test.*

I know how to build coalitions. In 1998, the other police association leaders elected me president of the California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations, the largest police coalition in California. Recently, our colleagues across the country elected me

to our national coalition's executive board (NAPO). The coalitions that I have built have produced results.

Relationships and direct lines of communication are essential to getting the job done. I have relationships with every major elected State official and every City official, including the Chief. These are the decision makers. They are the ones who decide the rules, regulations, policy and law that our performance and rewards will be judged against.

If we expect to have our voice heard, we must be able to talk to the decision makers and have them listen. Yelling,

getting in someone's face and "acting-a-fool" only means you made noise, it does not entitle you to a place at the negotiating table. It does not mean that the other person is listening.

I have a strong educational background to serve you as president. My doctorate degree is in public administration, in other words, how to manage an organization like our League. But education alone means nothing unless you can put it into action. You can see that I have produced results in Sacramento. I will do the same thing as your president.



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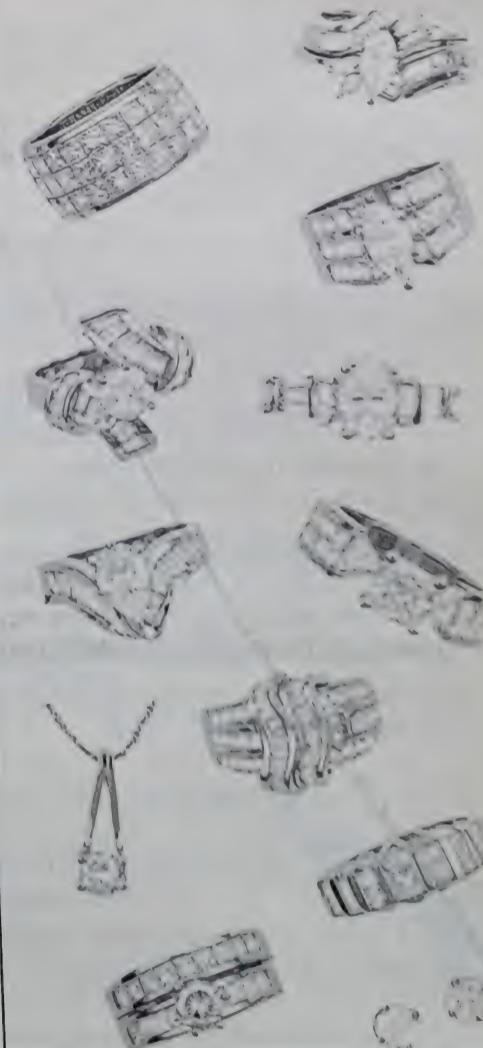


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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## Cops At Risk in City of Angels

by Craig W. Floyd

Three months before his death, Officer Daniel A. Pratt was chosen to serve with the gang unit of the Los Angeles Police Department. "It was stressful, it was scary," Daniel's brother, Brian, said of the work. "[Danny] couldn't believe how many people were on the streets at night. The adrenaline was there, the terror was there."

On September 3, 1988, Officer Pratt and his partner, Veronica DeLao, were patrolling the gang-infested streets of South Central Los Angeles when they spotted a car suspected of being involved in a drive-by shooting that left three people injured. Officers Pratt and DeLao gave chase in their unmarked car. The vehicle they were tailing made an abrupt U-turn and sprayed the two officers with machine-gun fire as the gunman and the 17-year-old female driver sped past. Officer DeLao escaped harm, but Officer Pratt, a six-year police veteran, was shot in the face and killed.

Danny left behind his wife of almost eight years, Andria; a five-year-old daughter; two sons, ages three and two; and another baby on the way. "He was my first and only boyfriend," Andria said. "When they came and told me [Danny had been killed], I couldn't believe it; I

wouldn't believe it. My life had been so well structured, so secure and then all of that suddenly and permanently changed."

Unfortunately, another 189 Los Angeles police families have experienced that same sense of devastation and loss. Dating back to the shooting death of Police Officer C.A. May on February 28, 1907, the City of Los Angeles has lost a total of 190 officers in the line of duty. Only seven law enforcement agencies in the United States have suffered more fatalities.

The three most recent Los Angeles police deaths occurred last year. Steven Gajda was the first police officer in the nation to die in 1998. This unwanted distinction resulted from a gang-related shooting on New Year's Eve. Officer Gajda and other members of his anti-gang unit were attempting to arrest party revelers who were firing their guns to celebrate the new year. When a 17-year-old gang member wanted for murder began to flee, Officer Gajda gave chase. The teenaged killer drew a weapon, turned and shot Officer Gajda in the head. The 29-year-old officer died on New Year's Day—his wife's birthday.

On August 9, 1998, Los Angeles Police Officer Filbert H. Cuesta, Jr. was waiting with his partner for backup units

to arrive near the scene of a loud party when he was ambushed and mortally wounded in the back of the head.

Prior to becoming a Los Angeles police officer, Brian E. F. Brown had distinguished himself with the United States Marine Corps. In 1993, while under a rocket attack in Somalia, he received multiple shrapnel wounds to both legs as he carried some of his wounded fellow Marines to safety. He was equally impressive as a police officer and in less than four years was promoted to Training Officer. On November 29, 1998, Officer Brown and his partner heard shots being fired at the Los Angeles Airport and rushed to investigate. They were confronted by two murder suspects who opened fire with assault rifles. Officer Brown received a fatal wound to the head and his partner was injured.

While each officer's death is a gut-wrenching tragedy, it is also a testament to just how much our officers are willing to give to preserve public safety. J. D. Cornwall, a Los Angeles police sergeant, was struck and killed in 1927 while attempting to push a crowd of people out of the way of a race car that had gone out of control. Police Officer Jack Hayden was shot and killed in 1982 when he tried to calm a suicidal neighbor during an off-duty incident. Det. Arleigh E. McCree and Officer Ronald L. Ball were killed in 1986 while attempting to disarm a bomb in a residential neighborhood. Officer Van D. Johnson died in a motorcycle accident in 1997 while attempting to chase down a traffic violator.

Only two of the 190 Los Angeles police officers killed in the line of duty were women, which is rather surprising for a department that was the first in the nation to give arrest powers to a female officer, Alice Stebbins Wells, in 1910. It would

be more than 80 years before a Los Angeles policewoman would have to make the ultimate sacrifice. Her name was Tina Kerbrat, a mother of two who was in her rookie year with the Los Angeles Police Department. Her husband, Tim, was a career firefighter and Tina shared her husband's deep devotion to helping others. With her dream of becoming a police officer finally realized at the age of 34, Tina was patrolling her beat with her partner when they spotted two men sitting on a sidewalk drinking beer. They pulled their cruiser over and began to question the two men. One of the men, an illegal immigrant, pulled out a .357 Magnum and opened fire on Tina, striking her fatally in the head. They named an award in Tina's honor. It is given to the most improved member of the department's rookie class.

Ironically, one of the Tina Kerbrat Award winners was Christy Lynne Hamilton, the second woman ever to die in the line of duty in the history of the Los Angeles Police Department. Like Tina, Christy was also in her rookie year, at the age of 45, having put her dream of becoming a police officer on hold while she raised her two children. On February 22, 1994, just four days after Officer Hamilton's graduation ceremony from the Police Academy, she was shot and killed by a 17-year-old youth. The killer was a habitual drug user who had murdered his father and then waited to ambush the police officers he knew would soon be responding.

Christy's father, retired Los Angeles Detective Ken Brondell, commented on his daughter's death, saying, "She would have worn [her badge] without arrogance. She didn't want a badge to have authority; she wanted to go out and help people. It's just too bad it got cut short."

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Texas Incident Focuses On Alarming Rate Of Ambush Attacks Against Police

Ambush attacks on police officers, like the one that resulted in three Texas officers being killed Tuesday night, are occurring at an alarming rate, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF).

"I wish we could report that the tragedy in Texas was an isolated act of madness directed against our police officers, but it wasn't," stated NLEOMF Chairman Craig W. Floyd. "Throughout history, there have been more than 1,300 cases of law enforcement officers being killed without warning in unprovoked or ambush attacks."

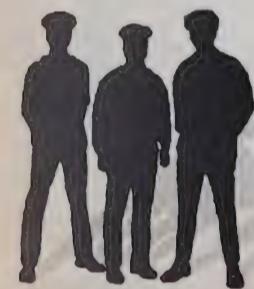
In the Texas incident, a man allegedly lured law enforcement officers to a trailer park south of San Antonio with a 911 call and then opened fire when officers arrived. Two Atascosa County deputies were killed, along with a Texas state trooper. Two other officers were wounded. The gunman committed suicide.

According to records kept by the NLEOMF, there have been a total of 211 law enforcement officers killed in similar unprovoked attacks during the

past ten years (1989-1998), or an average of 21 each year. "Some were carried out by deranged individuals," Floyd said. "Others were acts of revenge. Many times the assailant simply wanted to kill a cop."

The statistics show that police officers have become the targets of cold-blooded criminal vengeance with increasing frequency in recent years," Floyd observed. "The number of unprovoked attacks on our officers is double today what it was during the blood-filled gangster era of the 1930s, when there was an annual average of 11 police deaths resulting from unprovoked or ambush attacks."

NLEOMF records also reveal that there have been roughly 200 incidents in which two or more law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty. The deadliest single incident in the history of law enforcement occurred on November 24, 1917, when nine officers were killed in a bomb blast at a Milwaukee (WI) police station. Multiple death incidents have taken the lives of 26 officers in Texas. In fact, two earlier shooting incidents in Texas each resulted in four officers being killed. One occurred in 1873, when four state police officers were shot trying to make an arrest in Lampasas, Texas. The other occurred on February 28, 1993, when four federal agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were killed while conducting a raid on a religious cult compound in Waco, Texas.



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The calendar starts you out with the Series One Badge era with photos from 1869-1890 for January and February. Every two months the calendar walks you through the next badge era with November and December ending with the Series Six Badge (current style).

The Year 2000 calendar sells for \$7.95 plus shipping and handling and can be purchased from the Los Angeles Police Historical Society. Their phone number is (213) 344-9445 or visit them at their Web site: [www.laphs.com](http://www.laphs.com).



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League Delegate Corina Draper with Jay Leno at the Jack Webb Dinner.

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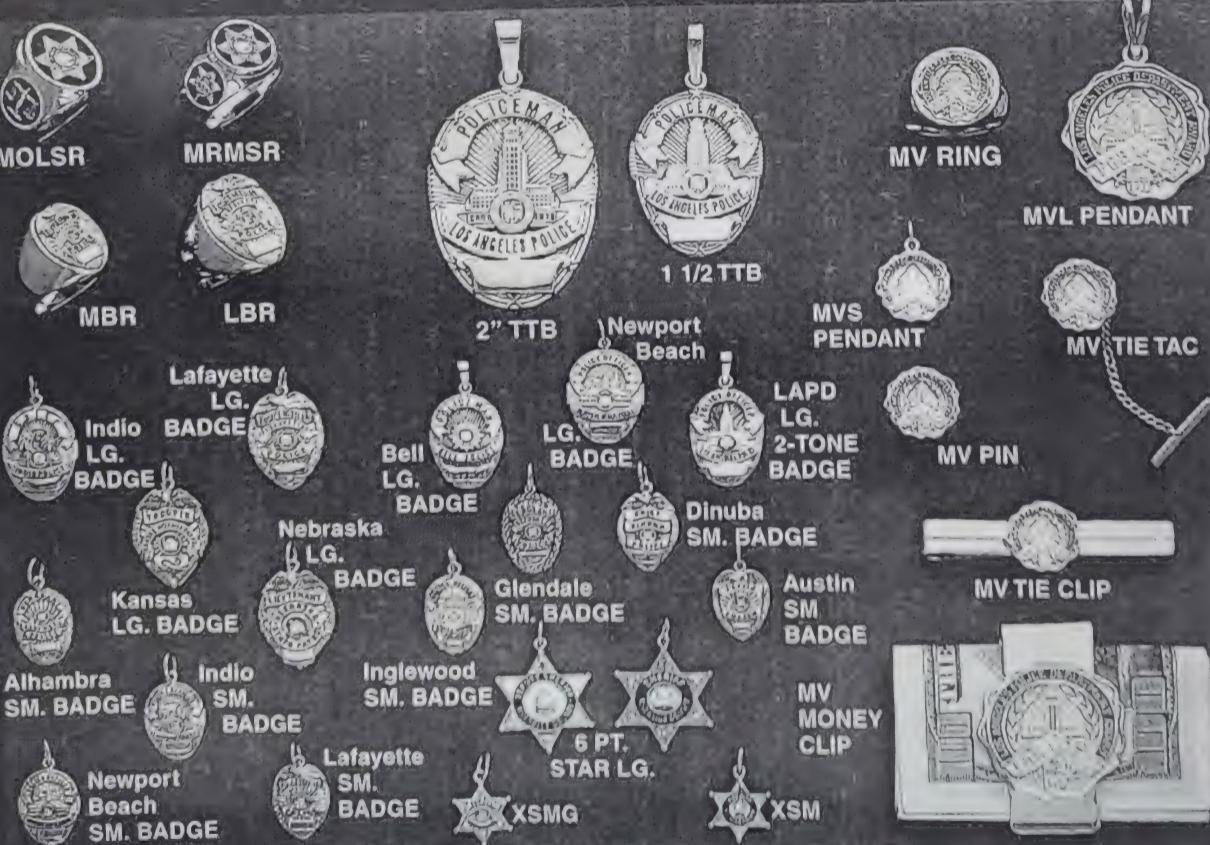
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# VETERAN'S CORNER



Veteran's Corner is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## American Legion News

Commander Martin Chalupa, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,  
6:30pm - Panorama City  
Post #817

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Adjutant Frank Ortiz  
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### October Meeting

Our last meeting was held on October 19, 1999. This was a regular business meeting. The executive committee presented plans for the upcoming V.A. Hospital Christmas party. The plans were approved. The monthly drawing winners were Dominick Colenzo (\$100) and Brian Bassler (\$80). Regrettably, neither was in attendance to claim their winnings. Sorry.

### Welcome Recruit Class #10-99

On October 25, 1999, Marty Chalupa welcomed the 10-99 LAPD recruit class.

There were seven with prior military service. They have all joined Police Post #381. Congratulations and welcome to the new members: Jason D. Azpeitia (USN), Eric D. Erby (USA), Earrin D. Padilla (USMC), Kenneth W. Thomas (USN), Corey S. Watkins (USMC), Robert M. Weise (USA), Joe T. White (USN).

### California Military Museum

Everyone enjoys visiting museums. The California Military Museum is in the Old Sacramento State Historical Park. It is within a few minutes' walk from the State Capitol, the California State Railroad Museum and several other museums, parks and tourist attractions. The museum is the official military museum and historical research center of the state of California. It houses over 30,000 artifacts as well as a substantial library and archives. In addition to the main facility in Sacramento, the museum also has satellite museums at Camp Roberts in southern Monterey County, Camp San Luis Obispo, the Los Alamitos Armed Forces Reserve Center in Orange County, and the McClellan Air Museum at the McClellan AFB in North Highlands.

If you are going to be near any of these locations, do yourself a favor and stop by. Web site: [www.militarymuseum.org](http://www.militarymuseum.org) will give the history of the mentioned museums as well as information on the attractions, tours, lectures, programs, hours, field trips and other general interesting

stuff. If you can't seem to get out, why not take a trip "online."

### Lest We Forget

There are a lot of disabled residents at the V.A. Hospital. Around Christmas, many of them visit their families. Sorry to say, many do not have any families to go home to, and the highlight of the holiday season is playing bingo. District 17 of the American Legion, with the help of Police Post 381, puts on a yearly Christmas party. We put together "care packages" that are given to all of the hospitalized veterans. The packages will contain handkerchiefs, t-shirts, socks, combs, washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, and other items donated by local businesses. Groups of carolers come in for some traditional Christmas music, a great dinner is served, and yes, we play bingo with them. Because of their disabilities, many of the patients require one-on-one help. If you are able to help us brighten the Christmas of these vets, please join us on Sunday,

December 12, 1999, at 1:00 p.m., at the West Los Angeles V.A. Hospital, Building #214. For further information, please call District 17 Commander Charlie Meyer, (661) 225-0175.

### Next Meeting

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. However, the meeting on December 21st is cancelled, because everyone will be out doing their last-minute Christmas shopping. Hope to see you all at the next meeting on January 18, 2000. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at the Panorama Post #817, located at 13553 Reedley Street, Panorama City. For information on the meetings, please call Adjutant Frank Ortiz, (626) 331-4271.

### Happy Holidays

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah (12/4/99), and Happy Holidays to everyone, with special thoughts to our military personnel stationed overseas. May God watch over you.

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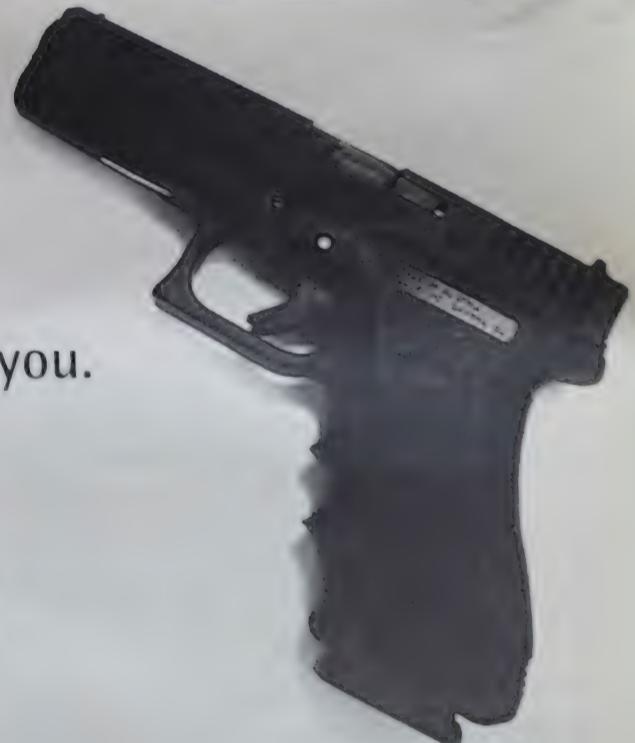
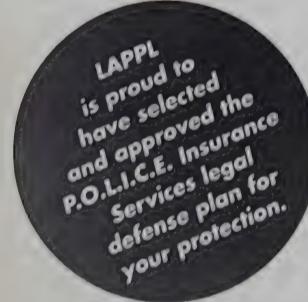
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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

The Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Maria C. Marquez  
77th Street Division

## Champions Into the New Millennium

The sun rose on Friday, October 29, 1999, and at 0830 hours stood sixty-nine 77th Street officers ready to fight for a championship title. We already hold the departmental record for this bench press contest with seven consecutive wins, but could we take this piece of history into the "new millennium"? Many divisions took for granted that because of various



Sometimes it's a dog eat dog world at 77th, but we keep the faith.

administrative issues that we deal with as a division we could be set back and defeated. Had any of you worked this division in the past, you would have known that this is a division with a motto of "the tradition continues." Because of that, we as patrol and detectives know how important it is to be there for your fellow peers, and so what a show of "force" we displayed.

We not only took first place, we placed third as well due to the points achieved by overall participation. This could very easily be a first for any division too.

The "back-up" did not end there. One of our "O.G." lifters, Officer **Charles Howard** (who has done this competition for years, breaking many records),

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was present. Charles, we appreciate you showing up to this competition. We know how dear to your heart this bench press contest is, and when you get back, there is going to be a major 415 fight on which one of us gets to "spot" for you, Sir! Your inspiration and dedication to 77th Street is indeed commendable, and we have dedicated this monumental event to you.

Lt. **Paul Von Lutzow**, what can we say to sincerely show our appreciation for all that you have done for us. You inspire the youth to achieve more and the "mature" to be there for the youth. You are indeed a leader of many, and your dedicating this event to Officer Howard was a pure example of your dedication to your officers. We are all truly blessed to have you as a 77th Street lieutenant.

### **Thank You Ma'am**

77th Street recently learned that our Day Watch Lieutenant, **Gloria Vargas**, has gone "down under" for a Lt. II position at Communications Division. Keep up the good work, Lieutenant! May you continue to strive and succeed. And may destiny bring you back to a division that you not only hold in your heart, but more importantly, deserves your leadership.

### **Let the Investigations Continue**

Our 77th Street "Career Criminals Unit (CCU) has done some outstanding work! This cadre consists of Officer **Travis Lynch**, Officer **Marlo Cross**, Officer **Scott Carty**, Officer **Chris Mason**, Officer **Mike Martinez**, and Officer **Mike Ventura**. These officers have made 181 felony arrests of outstanding murder suspects, rapists and robbers to date. And although the number of 181 ties into a "complaint" moniker from the "old days," this unit seems to do their job without generating any complaints (now known as 1.28s) at all. Outstanding job, guys!

I know your supervisors, Det. II **Don Mauk** and Sgt. **Manny Pedroza** appreciate your efforts. We as a division commend you on your dedication to this divisional family and community.

Sgt. **Manny Pedroza** is leaving us for South Traffic Division. Good luck, Buddy! Just remember us when we request a "T" unit, and there are none available.

### **Congratulations Are in Order**

Det. **Averill Henry** (major assaults table) was recently recognized by

Head Deputy **Donald Wills** from the Bureau of Special Operations Family Violence. Averill was commended for his outstanding dedication to his in-

On September 25th, Officer **Merle Raymond** and his wife, Mina, stood very proud as their daughter, Melissa, married her sweetheart, Shaun Foy.



Merle & Mina Raymond and Melissa & Shaun Foy.

vestigations and sincere compassion for his victims. Congratulations, Averill!

On October 22nd, Sgt. II **Juan Gonzales** and his wife, Cristina, welcomed a new bundle of joy. They call him, Daniel. Welcome to our family, Daniel!

Congratulations to all of you and many happy years to you, Melissa and Shaun.

In closing, we here at 77th Street hope that you and your families have a safe and happy holiday season. Keep the faith, for you see, faith is the evidence of what you can't see. ♦

### **More Divisional Reporter on next page**

## **To the Men & Women of the LAPD**

**Our Thanks and Best Wishes To You & Your Families For a Joyous & Happy Holiday Season**

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**Our Prayers That God Keep You Safe & Well Into The Millennium**

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

# What About Wilshire?

by Steve Nichols  
Wilshire Division

Well, here we are again . . . wherever that may find you. October was a fairly uneventful month here at Wilshire Division, but we did have a few noteworthy happenings. "Back in the Day," the citizenry (or maybe just the criminal element) used to call the police "Flat Foot," which referred to the officers' supposed inability to catch fleeing suspects. Well, I have news for the current ne'er-do-well who thinks they can run from the "Poe-Poe." One of our own (A sergeant no less!) was out doing what we do best. He became aware of a TFMV suspect in the area of 4th and Western Avenue. Being the persistent type, Sgt. B. Feldtz searched the area until the obviously unaware individual decided to cross the street directly in front of him. When Sgt. Feldtz contacted the suspect, Mr. "I don't have to stop for you" decided to go for a run. Big mistake! The pursuit was over almost immediately and ol' "Fleet Feet" Feldtz had another one to add to his collection. Good job, Sergeant!

Speaking of sergeants, we have a couple of tall ones who make some of the rest of us appear "vertically challenged." Sgts. A. Kirby and A. Walker are the resident "Twin Towers" of Day Watch. I would venture to say, and would be willing to bet, that if they play for Wilshire's basketball team, every other division will be having "Hoop Dreams" (or nightmares). Also, I predict the Wilshire running team will be the team to beat in the upcoming "Baker to Vegas" race. And you may quote me on that.

As well, our "in house" author, Sgt. J. Kielbasa, is rumored to be working on his second book, which will probably be another bestseller. When it's finished, Sarge, may I have exclusive interview rights?

In a somewhat different vein, it can be unpredictable when mates (or potential mates) work in the same division. When

it's good, it's really good. But when things go south, watch out. Having said all that, it is with true pleasure I announce the impending nuptials of Officers C. Lopez and S. Russell. The "big event" is scheduled to take place on February 14th, in the spirit of lovers everywhere. Congratulations, you two!

Congratulations also to Officer M. O'Shea on his incredible performance at the October weightlifting meet held at the Academy. He hoisted an impressive 405 lbs. (!) and placed 2nd in his class. He attributes his strength to . . . well, I'd better not say. And, to all the Wilshire officers who competed in the lift, a hearty "job well done."

This month's salute goes to Det. II B. Felix. He has been with LAPD for almost 32 years, the last approximately 10 years as a homicide detective. He has helped solve numerous cases including one highlighted on a regular basis by the *L.A. Times* and local T.V. stations. In this case, a Marine was at a busy bus stop on Wilshire Blvd. when he and another male became involved in a verbal altercation resulting in the Marine being shot and killed. The suspect fled the scene, and the task fell to Det. Felix to attempt to identify the shooter. After interviewing witnesses at the scene who remembered the suspect's statements and description, Det. Felix was able to concentrate his investigation on Rollin' '60s Gang members. In a coordinated effort with South Bureau Homicide and South Bureau CRASH, the suspect was nabbed in a sweep. He was identified by witnesses and later confessed to the fatal shooting. The media covered the solved homicide and recognized Det. Felix's outstanding skills. The victim's family was also appreciative of his efforts and grateful for the closure it brought them. Det. Felix is an outstanding example of the fine personnel here at Wilshire Division. Good job, Sir!

Due to technical difficulties, Officer D. Redd's artwork, promised in last month's column, won't be seen. Next issue, however, we will have it. I promise.

This month we celebrate Christmas. With all the hectic planning and non-stop activity surrounding this time of year, let's not forget the real reason for the season. To all of you, have a safe holiday, especially on New Year's Eve. Take care of each other because we are the ones who truly make up the "Thin Blue Line." See you next year!

## Out of the Great Southwest

by Jeff Siggers  
Southwest Area

### An Incredible Story

Early last year, Officer Chris Gomez was a newly-selected CRASH Officer here at the Great Southwest. He had a wife and two kids, and a shining career ahead of him. His life was set. Then, on February 9, 1998, he was in Santa Fe Springs going home on his motorcycle when a speeding Jeep Cherokee turned left into him and hit him broadside at a (combined) speed of 70 miles per hour. The impact gave Chris double compound fractures of his left femur and his left tibia and fibula. His left ankle was crushed and his left foot was torn off, hanging only by the skin and the Achilles tendon. The impact with the street tore all three major tendons in his right knee. As he lay there, the three arteries serving his left foot were bleeding him out onto the street, and witnesses say that he stopped breathing. Then, the miracles began to happen . . .

The R/A unit that got the call was only two blocks away. For unexplained reasons, the call came out as an "Officer Down," so Fire Department response was instantaneous and overwhelming. Chris was quickly revived and stabilized and rushed to St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood where he went into surgery for 12 hours to reset his leg bones and try to save his foot. When he woke up three days later, the foot was still only partly attached and being served by the only artery that could be stitched back together. The doctors told him that the foot would probably not survive, but Chris disagreed with that prognosis. He was determined to keep that foot! Over the next four months, a new artery grew in to serve the foot. Then, the foot bones got infected and he had another emergency surgery to save it . . . again! It was the first set of

hurdles in a very difficult and slow struggle to recover which included a total of ten surgeries. Then, the question was if Chris would ever walk again. When he started walking, people then wondered if Chris would ever run again. But Chris knew! HE had a family and friends who loved him and a career waiting for him when he was able to get back to it.

Two months ago, after 18 months of recovery, Chris came back to work light duty at Southwest Detectives. He wrote a note, addressed to all the people who helped him and to the Department in general. Here it is:

*It has taken me a year-and-a-half to return after ten surgeries to repair the damage to me in the accident. I now understand that if you firmly believe that you can accomplish anything, the world has no limits. Life is a gift! I also believe that my recovery was due largely to a positive mental attitude. I am certain that it was my Academy training that taught me to never give up—keep fighting—and I survived this "assault" on my body just as though it was a gunfight injury. I am deeply indebted to the Department for giving me this "gift of life" and want to thank everyone who called and wrote to me for their sincere concern and personal encouragement.*

*To my wife, Evy, my girls, Amanda and Ashley, and my parents and sister: Thanks for being there for me and keeping my spirits up. I love all of you. I would also like to express my appreciation to all who have helped and supported my family and me. To my brothers and sisters at Southwest CRASH, to Lt. Steve Grenier, Sgt. J. J. Reese, and (now Sgt.) Danny Campbell, you are the BEST! Thanks for teaching me about the true spirit of sacrifice.*

The Southwest officers mentioned above maintained a constant vigil over Chris during the months he was in the hospital. CRASH was at his bedside every day, and the other officers called and came by all the time to help and encourage him. The CRASH officers even donated vacation time to help Chris through the financial crisis of his non-IOD injury.

Chris is running again and is expected to return to full duty early next year. Hey, Chris, how about the L.A. Marathon? What do you think?

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# RHD

## Divisional Dragnet

by Det. Tom Wich  
Robbery Homicide Division

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope everybody had a great holiday. Now that you're all fat and happy, it is time to start getting in shape for Baker to Vegas. Since it is the holidays I'll keep this short and sweet.

### Commendable Incident

I would like to thank Det. Tim Marcia from Rape Specials for his input on the following incident.

On October 20, 1999, detectives from Rape Specials assumed the investigative responsibility for several hot prowls sexual assaults that had occurred in Pacific Area and the city of Culver

City. Based on the similarities of the crimes it was apparent that another Serial Rapist was again reeking havoc to the women on the west side of the city.

On October 21, 1999, during the late PM hours, Pacific Area patrol officers, along with officers assigned to SPU, responded to a prowler call in the 3600 block of Military Avenue. As the primary unit responded to the crime scene, other units deployed in the area. The primary unit then initiated a crime broadcast advising that an attempt burglary had occurred.

Shortly after receiving this information, Officers Vasquez, #33197, and Holguin #34551, observed a possible suspect walking out of an apartment building one block east of the crime location. This individual was detained, a field show-up was conducted, and guess what? The suspect was positively identified.

Based on the officers' knowledge of the serial rapist that had been terrorizing the area, the officers established a crime scene around the attempt 459 location. This action secured valuable evidence that was later recovered by the responding detectives and criminalist.

were able to observe the suspects flee the location. A textbook effort by all PM Watch officers enabled them to "keep their eyes on the suspects." Unfortunately, the suspects crashed their car into a power pole and escaped on foot. P-3 Mike Callen and P-2 Kerry Suprenant arrived at the termination of the pursuit location and risked their lives by maneuvering around downed live power lines, in the rain, in order to reach the victim, who had been ejected from the trunk of the vehicle. They carried him to a safe location, where he was able to receive MT. Unfortunately, Mr. Rawlings died later at a local hospital. Det. Andy Purdy and Det. Terrill West were assigned to the investigation. After several months of intensive follow-up work, they identified one of the suspects—Kerrill Francis Taylor. Taylor was arrested by WVAL Homicide Detectives and has been charged with nine felony counts, including murder with special circumstances. This result was due to the teamwork and tireless efforts from all of you PM Watch officers and WVAL homicide detectives. Great job by all involved!

### The Welcome Mat

All of us here at WVAL would like to give a hearty welcome to Det.-1 T. Young (FTHL), Det.-1 Mata (VTD), P-2 Lujan (RAMP), and straight from the Academy, P-1 U. Ree. Welcome to WVAL.

### A Very Teary Farewell

WVAL is losing some top-notch officers to other assignments. Sgt.-1 M. Delgadillo leaves us for HWD, P-3 D. Paulson leaves for VNYS, P-2 Whitelaw departs for N/E, P-2 H. Matthews goes to PAC, P-2 C. Roberts is headed for WLA, and our newest P-2s F. DeLaCerda, O. Osborne, L. Rodarte, and M. Hansen venture out into the streets of Wilshire Division. P-2 Leal was assigned to Communications Division. Good luck to all of you.

### Up the Ladder

Congratulations go out to many of our own, who are quickly moving up the promotional ladder. P-3 K. Leduc and P-2 R. Bengtson were promoted to Det.-1 and assigned to Hollywood Division detectives. T. J. Azevedo, Roy Brown, Cid Camacho, Jude Bella (TRNG) and Chris Crosby (VNYS) were all recently promoted to P-3. And finally, P-2 Larry Abker and P-2 Gavin Steiglitz accepted positions in CRO. Congratulations to all of you on your new positions.

RHD detectives Rubalcava and Marcia conducted a thorough, lengthy interrogation which resulted in the confession by the suspect that he was responsible for the sexual assaults of numerous women in the Mar Vista and Culver City areas.

We at RHD want to commend Pacific Area officers Vasquez, Holguin, Smith, #31609, Ortega, #34729, Negrete, #33348, Russell, #33693, Snowden, #23480, Hiramoto, #30031, and Sgt. Murphy, #30117, for their outstanding effort. These officers are to be commended for their outstanding tactics and observation skills that resulted in the capture and arrest of this low-life. They are also commended for their teamwork, outstanding communications, attention to duty and for the outstanding job securing the crime scene. It is incidents like this that remind the world how truly professional the men and women of LAPD are.

### Welcome to RHD

We would like to welcome the following detectives to our fine division. A warm welcome to the new members

of Homicide Specials: D-1s Adrian Soler (Rampart), Harold Moberly (Central), and Charles Knolls (Foot-hill). A hearty welcome to the new crew assigned to Rape Specials: D-1s Adolfo Contreras (77th), Daniel Dejarnett (MSD), Karen Crawford (NHWD), Pamela Harris (Harbor), Susan Antenucci (JUV), D-1 David Cedeno (NOE), D-1 Phyllis Gibson (JUV), and D (I or II?) Michelle Robinson (W. Valley).

### Promotion

Congratulations to new Det.-II Alivani. He will remain in Rape Specials assigned to the valley area.

Well, that about does it for this year. We hope to see you at the RHD detective party December 2nd and at the formal party on December 17th. Remember, always do the job right, be professional, treat the citizens with respect, don't let anyone compromise your integrity, and by all means BE SAFE.



### Final Thoughts

A few reminders as the millennium draws to a close:

1. Be sure to fill out AND send in the League's survey, if you haven't done so already.
2. Don't forget to buy your Christmas party tickets. On sale now at your W/C's office.
3. Make sure you're Y2K ready. Those blue chip stocks should be real cheap at the end of the month.

Many of you have requested photos as part of this article. I agree wholeheartedly! If you have any pictures you would like to submit, give them to Officer Baptiste or Jackie in the Area Office. They will forward the photos to me.

I hope everyone has a happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a safe and happy New Year.

This is 10A57, see ya next issue. Same Bat time, same Bat channel.



### More Divisional Reporter on next page



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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Cole Burdette  
Air Support Division

### What's Happening at Air Support

Well, our kitchen renovation is almost complete. With a little luck our new refrigerators will be stocked with leftover turkey sandwiches when this is published. Come up and check it out.

Our new computerized daily logs are now online thanks to Tactical Flight Officer **Marco Balonos** and Sgt. **Jim Heintzman**. We appreciate all the work

you put into our new system and all the training provided by TFO **Jim Weigh**.

We've filled our last sergeant vacancy with Sgt. **Mark Williams** from Metropolitan Division. Sgt. Williams will enter pilot training this month with Sgt. **Bob Ackerman**, Sgt. **Bill Shortly** and former Chief Tactical Flight Officer **Jack Schonley**.

The newest list for TFO candidates has been published and loans are currently under way to fill our vacancies. Thanks to all that applied. The following officers were selected for one-month loans: **James Hagarty**, Metropolitan; **Greg Duran**, Central; **Dave Hernandez**, 77th; **Erwin Stowell**, Valley Traffic; and **Robert Price**, Management Services; **Al Canche**, Central; **Dietmar Schiffer**, Harbor; **John Artes**, Van Nuys; **John Goodman**, Van Nuys; **Zoltan Mako**, Van Nuys; **Gregory Whorton**, Southeast.

Good luck to all of you. Make sure you come up for some ride-alongs and see Chief TFO to prepare for your loans. There's a lot to learn in a month and

getting a head start is strongly recommended.

We are continuing to fill vacancies left by retirements and we held three wings presentations last month. Tactical Flight Officers **Wayne Oatis** and **Mike Rodriguez** both completed their three-month probation and earned their TFO wings. Sgt. II, and former Tactical Flight Officer, **Jorge Gonzales**, completed flight training and was presented his Command Pilot Wings. Congratulations to all of you and good job.

### Tip of the Month

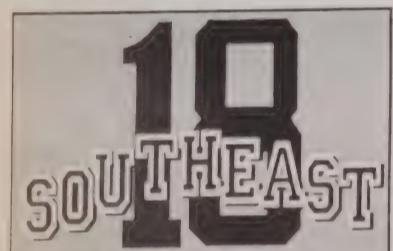
Now that we're back into our foggy season, let's discuss the factors that at times don't allow us to provide you service. Three types of weather impair our ability to fly safely: lightning storms, high winds, and low clouds/fog.

Lightning, let's just say, should be avoided when in any kind of aircraft for obvious reasons. (It hurts and it's not good for the helicopter.) Wind usually becomes a factor when there is a high "gust spread" or sustained wind of over 20-30 MPH. It becomes very unpredictable and can become hazardous. We

also have to consider how effective we are in these poor conditions.

Our low visibility limitations are with a guideline of 800 feet AGL (above ground level) and two miles forward visibility. With visibility below this it becomes difficult to see other aircraft, navigate effectively and avoid obstructions (wires, trees, buildings, etc.). Keep in mind that we need to launch from downtown to respond to you. We also need to make it down safely somewhere. With a city of 475 square miles and a variety of terrains, the weather may vary significantly. Keep in mind also that just because we report "down due to weather" doesn't mean we absolutely can't respond. We are ALWAYS on standby for call-outs. If you need us, call and let us know what you have. We consider the conditions, experience of the aircrew and how much we may impact your situation. Based on a risk/benefit analysis we decide if we can give it a try. Please understand we've all been there, on the ground, and do everything we can to help you get it done safely. We do have to be responsible and see that we are here for you tomorrow.

You watch your six and we'll watch the rest. Take care.



by Al Labrada  
Southeast Area

A belated and much deserved happy birthday to all the former Marines. Semper Fi! I would also like to thank everyone that served our fine country and those that on a daily basis serve our city on Veteran's Day. Thank you for all your sacrifices.

### Southeast Happenings

Moving on, I hope everyone has plans to attend the Southeast Millennium Party, which is scheduled for December 3, 1999, at the San Pedro Sheraton Hotel. If it is anything like last year's, it should be wild and memorable. Wait until the pictures show up in next month's *Blue Line*, and we will see just how memorable it will be.

On November 17, 1999, Southeast Area held its annual Officer Luncheon at the Proud Bird Restaurant. The event was held to honor those here at Southeast that not only work hard to make things easier for us all but go above and beyond the normal scopes of their duties. Unfortunately, I was unable to provide photos due to the deadline, but here are the employees that were honored: Officer of the Year, P3+1 **Floro Pinzon**; Patrol Supervisor of the Year, Sgt. II **Mitch Lambdin**; Detective of the Year, P-III **Lyle Barnes**, and P-III **Paul Scire**; De-

tective Supervisor of the Year, D-III **Candy Delgado**; Civilian Employee of the Month, PSR **Cheryl Harper**; Reserve Officer of the Year, Father **Rafael Marin-Leon**, and RO **Sharon Abbott**; Volunteer of the Year, Ms. **Shirley Brown**; RHD Award, P-II **Walter McMahon**, and P-II **Jonathan Wainwright**.

Also recognized were the outstanding efforts of the Southeast CRASH, Vice, Narcotics and Career Criminal Unit. Also awarded were awards for the most guns recovered while assigned patrol.



Lt. Joe Rubert preparing to be retaliated against due to his FASTRAC meeting.

This is a clear example of the high caliber of over 400 employees assigned to Southeast Division. These employees will forever have their names placed on the new Southeast plaques, which will



Is it a bird or is it a plane? Southeast officers at the recent annual picnic.

soon be at the entrance to the station. Congratulations to all on your recent nominations.

On Saturday, December 11, at 11:00 a.m., we will be hosting our annual open house here at Southeast Station. This year's event is in conjunction with an all-you-can-eat chili cook-off that will be catered by the area residents. I think even Capt. **Bonneau** is due to get in on the cooking and, of course, I will be the tester and judge. We are anticipating participation by LAFD, SWAT, MTA, HAPD, DARE, Park Rangers, School Police, Air Support, Military Recruiters, Job Corps and various other local businesses. We will be providing tours of the station, demonstrations, displays, gifts and, of course, plenty of food. The event is being organized by the Southeast Area Senior Lead Officers. You can contact me at (213) 485-6934 if you have any questions.

Finally, the annual Southeast Christmas Basket Giveaway is scheduled for December 20. This year's event will focus on the needy families and provide them with an entire Christmas dinner which will be placed in a basket by area volunteers and then distributed to pre-selected needy families by the Senior Lead Officers. If you would like to donate time, items, or if you know of a worthy family to receive a basket in Southeast, you can contact Sgt. **Ted Maillet** at the Southeast Community Relations Office (213) 485-6934.

Officer **Walt McMahon** was recently honored with the RHD award. However, I would also like to commend Officer **F. Coughlin**. These officers were on an investigation in the Nickerson Gardens Housing Development when they heard gunfire around the corner from the unit where they were standing. The officers investigated and found themselves in a serious gun battle with two heavily armed suspects who had just committed

a homicide in the unit, which they were leaving. The officers, although outgunned by a high-powered rifle, and a large caliber revolver, held their ground. Not only did these officers hold their ground, but came out overwhelmingly victorious and without a scratch. Again, this demonstrates the level of employees here at Southeast. Good job!

### Ins and Outs

Recently, I was out on a homicide scene when I was violently confronted by a Southeast homicide detective, **Lou Leiker**. Apparently I forgot to welcome Lou here to Southeast when they transitioned over from South Bureau Homicide. My mistake. Welcome, Lou to Southeast. It's not that I didn't remember you, I just assumed since our homicides are up you wouldn't even have time to read the *Blue Line*. I would also like to welcome Det. **John Zambos**, who was not as sentimental and emotional as Lou was pointing out my mistake. Welcome back home to both of you.

Congratulations to the newest P-III's: **K. Dunigan**, **J. Bennett**, **J. Vigueras**, and **D. Andersen** (CTD). Good riding to new Motor Officers **W. McDonald** and **E. Rodgers**, who were both wheeled to Central Traffic. I would like to welcome into Southeast the following employees: Det.-I **Barr** (PAC), P-I **A. Harsma** (TRNG) (daughter of retired Metro Officer Harsma), P-I **J. Hernandez** (TRNG), and P-I **R. Wade** (TRNG).

Farewell to the new D-III, **Jackie Landsman** (RHD), Det.-I **J. Louie** (DHD), P-III **J. Lewis** (HWD), P-II **R. Smith** (CENT), P-II **V. Feliciano** (TRD), P-II **W. Sarno** (TRD), and P-II **J. Talmadge** (WIL). Good luck to all of you.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Be safe and be careful on the Y2K celebrating and working.

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# THE EASTERN HORIZON

by Ruben Rodriguez  
Hollenbeck Division

A very happy December to all of you. I wish you and your loved ones the merriest of holidays.

## ...and Speaking of Holidays

Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 10th. This year's event will be held at the Pasadena



Bob Brogleman holding down the fort on the desk.

Holiday Inn, located at 303 E. Cordova St., in the city of Pasadena. Cocktail hour is set for 6:00 p.m. with dinner and dancing to follow. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Linda Ortega in the Subpoena Control Office. Hope to see you all there to reminisce with old friends.

## Congratulations

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Officer Frank "Tot Cop" Vega on his accomplishments for receiving his third 10851 award. The award is given by the California Highway Patrol to recognize outstanding efforts in the field of stolen vehicle recovery. Frank, congratulations on a job well done.

## ...and Speaking of a Job Well Done

The Hollenbeck Community recently experienced a tragic occurrence when a mother and two of her children were killed in a horrific traffic accident. Officer Jose Padilla, having been personally involved at the scene and after learning that there were surviving children in the family, decided to help ease some of their pain. Officer Padilla organized a fundraiser to obtain funds and toys for the family left behind. This fundraiser was culminated by a ceremony at Hollenbeck Station where family members were presented with the proceeds. Jose, thanks for

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going the extra mile to help out those in need. Your efforts are appreciated not only by the local community but by your fellow Hollenbeck peers as well.

## Baker to Vegas

Austin "Kermit the Frog" Fernald would like me to remind all of you that the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay is just around the corner. It's not too early to begin training for the 2000 event. To participate in the team, either as a runner or support team member, see Austin in the Senior Lead Office.

## Welcome

We welcome Sgt. M. Parlor and congratulate him on his promotion as he comes to us from Training Division, where he was a P-3. We also say hello to Sgt. 2 R. Arteaga, joining us from Rampart Division. P-2 R. Aranda is here from PAS while P-2 C. Garcia joins our family from West L.A. A big Hollenbeck welcome goes out to four brand new recruit officers, vying for a chance to be-



Sgt. Rob Holroyd on his way to Dino's Burgers after watch.

come real big city police officers. They are: S. Arana, J. Lee, M. Maffei, and T. Scott. Welcome all. As the rest of us know, you will find Hollenbeck a great place to serve the community.

## Goodbye

Congratulations to my good friend, Peter MacDonald, on his promotion to Detective. Peter is now assigned to Narcotics Division, where I am sure he will do as great a job as he always did here at Hollenbeck. Another long-time Hollenbeck officer we are sad to see depart is P-3 Art Rodriguez. Art is now assigned to Communications division. Art, good luck in your new assignment and don't forget to visit your old friends. Sgt. G. Marentez is now assigned to Newton Division while P-2 C. Dehesa is now working out of CID. P-2 C. Robinson is now patrolling the streets of Hollywood and Brian Coleman (one of my best probationers ever) is now at Van Nuys Division. Good luck to all of you and best wishes on your respective new assignments.

## Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, Robert "Get me off this desk" Brogleman. Now, there's a REAL cop.

# TRAFFIC TALK

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla  
South Traffic Division

Greetings amigos.

## Halloween Masquerade Party

On Friday, October 29, 1999, South Traffic Division hosted a Halloween masquerade extravaganza. The fundraiser was held at Little J's Lounge at 11th Street and Olive Street in Los Angeles. Officer Stephanie Sims, along with



Capt. Kenneth Garner and Officer Jerome Calhoun

on Friday, December 3, 1999, at the Los Angeles Marriott Hotel. Tickets are on sale. Don't miss out on this memorable night of fun, dancing and prizes galore. Contact Sgt. Lanette Smith to purchase your ticket.

## Recent Arrivals

South Traffic would like to extend a warm greeting to the following who feel the calling to serve one of the finest divisions in the city: Sgt. Richard Harper, Sgt. Steven Smith, Officer Andrew Bjelland, Officer Gilbert Centeno, Of-



ficer Michael Fox, Officer Maurice Hallauer, Officer Ian Ward and finally, GQ himself, Det. Manuel Pedroza.

## Ooops

The last *Blue Line* article issued for South Traffic Division congratulated Officer Ray Bunker on the birth of his daughter. Sorry, Ray, but it's like when you order a cheeseburger at the drive-



help from Sgt. Fred Osby, Sgt. Lanette Smith and Officer Ron Roberson are to be commended for a very successful event. The order of the night was fun, fun, fun and there was plenty to go around as goons, devils, French maids, Cleo (queen of the Nile), Zorro and a host of other Halloweenie characters danced the night away. Thanks to all who helped to make this night a very enjoyable one.

## News Flash

South Traffic Division will be enjoying its annual holiday celebration party

thru window and you find a taco in the bag. Somewhere there was a failure to communicate. All of South Traffic wishes to congratulate you and your wife on the birth of your beautiful son. There, we finally got it right.

## Final Thoughts

As always, don't forget your fellow officers who are sick, ill, or injured. Give them a call. Finally, Motors, keep the rubber side down, and CI, keep the light bar off the pavement.

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Floyd Toledo  
Hollywood Division

### In-Out & Ups

Before we look towards the next century, let's look and see who has recently joined our family here. There is Det. S. Ramirez, in from Van Nuys and Det. K. Becker from Juvenile Division. Over there is P-3 J. Lewis. From Southeast with P-2s B. Robinson (HOBK), N. Cullura (TBD) and M. Swan (VNUYS). The Academy dropped off P-1s M. Duarte, S. Kuntz, and C. Torres. Good to see you all here to welcome in Y2K.

Gone but not forgotten are Sgt. A. Ramos to 77th, P-3s M. Brooks (NEWT) and A. Rojas to NHWD; P-2 D. Leopoldo to USD, and P-2s P. Echavarria to CENT, P. Merrin to SE, J. Cherrette and R. Cortez and K. Plunkett to VNYs.



### Fundraiser

The Senior Leads hosted their 3rd annual "Carne Asada Cookout" to raise funds for the station fund. Running the show were Dale Hickerson, Anne Pickering, John Washington, Bill Sollie, Mike Shea, Joe Bunch, Pam George, Armen Sevdatian, John Turner and Vince Aguirre. Special thanks for Det. Diane Cazares who graciously whipped us her famous homemade chili. Officers Terry Casey, Frank Marmolejo, and Barbara Scallon get a special thanks for their efforts in making this another great event. Thanks, Hollenbeck for the use of our big barbecue grill again this year. The event raised \$500.

### Sports

Hollywood Officers Dale Hickerson and Brian Owen, with the combined efforts of Det. Hen Papietro (RAMP

NARCO) and Traffic's own Sgt. Rich "Skids" Rinker. They traveled to Jackson, Mississippi, to shoot in the NRA Police Nationals in September. Their combined efforts were good enough for 2nd place (Revolvers) and 5th (Semi-Auto) in the Sharpshooter Class. Officers from all over the world came together to compete for a National/World title. The annual LAPRAAC Sports Awards Banquet will honor the L.A. Police Pistol Team as the "Team of the Decade."

### Russ Kuster Golf Tournament

On October 15, 1999, the 9th annual Russ Kuster Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Debell Golf Course in Burbank. This is a "scramble" tournament held each year to keep alive the memory of Russ and pass on his legacy of integrity and hard work to those who have followed. Retired Hollywood Robbery Coordinator, Gil Jones, first organized the tournament in 1991. For those of you who don't remember, Russ was murdered on October 9, 1990. Marco Bela, an ex-con, had confronted Russ while he was having dinner at a Hollywood restaurant. After being fatally wounded, Russ was able to draw his weapon and return fire, killing Bela. In essence, he cleared his

minds off the World Series. It was the annual challenge between the PED/Vice Unit versus the Detectives. As the champions, the detectives squad was made up of veteran (old) guys with talent enough to play any pro team. But this year they faced a young revengeful team of pitbulls from upstairs. The game looked like a blowout as the young kids took a giant lead. But as talent always does, the old



guys came back. But time takes its toll as "MVP" Hilary Colvin proved when she stopped a rocket shot from the bat of Tom Chevolek. The final score was 17 to 14 as the youngsters prevailed. PED/Vice players were: Shawn Hetherington, John Incontro, Mike Strosnider, Boe Adams, Alan Hamilton, Mike Snowden, Norm Peters, Marc Evans, Waid Haas, Dave Ashley, Mike Braun, Hilary Colvin, Jess Belton, Mark Leon, Mark Garza, Jeff Beck, Paul Rodriguez, and Dave Ortiz. The Detective Team: Mike Pelletier, Tom Chevolek, Richard Bergson, Mike Thrasher, Elmer Gibson and Floyd Toledo. (Photo)

### Detective Honored

Det. Thomas Pollard has spent 23 of his 29 years as a detective for this De-

partment. While assigned to the Robbery Unit his arrest and clearance rate continues to be the highest in robbery and of the Hollywood Detective Section. Thomas is a master at solving crimes through a combination of old fashioned legwork and the utilization of new investigative resources. Thomas is a sincere individual that works hard at his profession. His adept way of in-

terviewing traumatized victims and interrogating hardened criminals produces solid cases going into the trial process. As a senior detective, Thomas has been called upon to train new detectives. His vast knowledge and common sense enables him to make appropriate decisions that keeps everyone on track. Thomas has received a vast amount of commendations throughout his career. These commendations reflect the admiration, respect and gratitude that we all have for him. It is without reservations that Det. Thomas Pollard be recognized for his accomplishments as Hollywood Operations Support Division Employee of the 3rd Quarter for 1999.

## Southern Tip

by Alley Cat  
Harbor Division

Yes it is, Christmas is right around the corner and the year is possibly exploding to an end. I've heard rumors that the whole Department is going to be working a lot of hours over the next few weeks. Yes, that even means the building squints are going into the streets. I feel so sorry for them. They might even have to work holidays and weekends. Don't fret too much, it's only for a few weeks and you might actually have some fun. Just be careful, to all of you, that will be working the streets. Oh yeah, remember you can get a 1.28 to those of you who haven't been out there in a while. This brings me to another point about the complaint and board system.

If anyone on this Department thinks they are just wits to misconduct, after the Rampart incident, I wish you well in your eggshell world. I've talked with more officers, supervisors and detectives in the last two months than I care to think of. I can't understand how many of these veteran personnel don't think it's important to use an employee representative or Defense Rep. Wake up people, you have certain rights and most of you don't utilize them to the fullest. If you get fired or hit with a heavy suspension then you say, "But I had rights." Try being smart for your family alone and start using whatever is

available to you. Believe me, no one is going to advise you that you have the right to representation if you don't ask for it. Internal Affairs is a necessary evil that we need in law enforcement. I just wish they could do all their investigations in a fact-finding mode, instead of head-hunting persons with complaints against them. This could actually lead to an officer being cleared with a fair and impartial investigation. If you're dinged for some days because you did something wrong, take your days and don't bellyache. If you are stupid enough to lie, shame on you. You will be fired with no recourse. Let's hope the Department comes into the 20th century with discipline, not 40 years behind, as it is now. We don't need to nail an officer to the cross and then set fire at the bottom of it. Would someone upstairs please take heed and become more aware to the officers' needs in the streets? We can only hope that someone remembers we are human beings first and cops second.

I assume there has been a transfer sent out and this could be the last movement for a month or so. Unfortunately, I haven't been privy to it and will have to catch up on the movement in the January article.

When you folks hit the streets this month, be aware that there are persons out there who need help and counseling during the holiday season. This could be a dangerous time for all of us working the streets of Los Angeles. When you are sharp and on top of your game, you come home every night. Please, for the sake of us all, be careful and have a great holiday with your family and friends.

To those of you who extend the extra hand to help the needy, I can only commend you in this short article. You know who you are and stand head and shoulders above the rest.

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# Devonshire

## Dateline

by Elaine "Pepper" Dewberry  
Devonshire Division

### Remembering Our Own

This is the time of year when our hearts are filled with cheer and gladness, but not for all of us. During this holiday season, let us not forget the families of our fallen brother and sister officers, who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving the citizens of Los Angeles. When we gather with our loved ones this season, whisper a prayer for peace for the families of Officer Christy L. Hamilton and Officer Zlatko "Nick" Sintic.

### Hal Bernson's 12th Annual Police, Firefighter and Paramedic Recognition Luncheon

Councilman Hal Bernson recently held his annual recognition luncheon at the Airtel Hotel in Van Nuys. Lt. Paul Wright was recognized for his accomplishments and was the recipient of the "Dan Danko" Annual Award. Det. Bogison was honored as Detective of the Year and Senior Lead, P.O. III-I Rick Gibby received the Officer of the Year award. Congratulations to all of you and keep serving the citizens of Los Angeles in the highest tradition.

### Devonshire Area Explorer-Post Web Site Gets a Hit From Puerto Rico

Officer Ingrid Langrehr, Devonshire Youth Services Officer, recently received a telephone call from Army SWAT Sgt. First Class Marciano from Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, who was interested in setting up an Explorer Post.



by CTD  
Central Traffic Division

Sgt. Rich Rinker went to Jackson, Mississippi, where he shot in the NRA National Police Shooting Championship with the department shooting team. The team took 2nd place in sharpshooting classification. Rich took 4th place in one individual event. Good job, guys.

Congratulations again to Sgt. Rich Rinker, CTD Pistol Team Captain, and the CTD Shooting Team. The team consists of the following officers: Sgt. 1+2 Roy Ballesteros, Ed Asawesna, Henry Servin, Thai Ngo. Officers competed at the LASD Charity Shootout on Sunday, October 3, 1999. The team took 7th place out of 15 teams that competed. Ed Asawesna took 1st overall by 4 points. All the rest of the CTD team members shot respectably. The LASD Pistol Team hosted the event to raise money for the Sheriff's Relief Association. This association assists families of officers. CTD team contributed \$150.

### The Ins and Outs of CTD

Incoming - Four new officers were added to CTD: Officers Luna, Black-

Sgt. Marciano requested information on the LAPD's Explorer program. He stated he was searching the Internet for information on Explorer programs and was so impressed with Devonshire Area's Explorer Web site that he wanted to model the Army's program along Devonshire's standards. He was also impressed with the Academy information competitions.

### Sheriff's Annual Charity Shootout

Four of LAPD's finest, Officers David Kong, Michael Judge, Andrew Thompson, and James Galbraith competed in the Sheriff's Annual Charity Shootout. The competition consisted of 17 teams from various federal, state and local agencies. The officers took 2nd place overall in the prestigious 4-man team event.

### Power "Dawgs"

Devonshire personnel were "pumped up" for the recent bench press competition. The 16-member team took 4th place overall. The Devonshire ladies held their own, placing in several weight categories. In the 21-29 age group, 105-114 weight category, Officer Stephanie Carson came in second place with a lift of 85 lbs., 132-148 weight category, Officer Catherine Rymza placed 3rd with a lift of 125 lbs. In the 30-39 age group, 132-148 weight category, Officer Monique Carrillo placed 6th with a lift of 90 lbs. and Det. Stephanie Lazarus placed 2nd in the 148-165 lb. category with a lift of 125 lbs.

The Devonshire guys were quite impressive. In the 21-29 age group, 148-165 lb. category, Officer Samer Issa placed 5th with a lift of 245 lbs.; 165-181 weight category, Officer Ben Fernandes came in 5th place with a lift of 225 lbs.; 181-198 weight category, Officer Brian Martin came in eighth place with a lift of 250 lbs.; 198-220 weight category, Officer Robert Scutaru placed 2nd with a lift of 320 lbs.; 148-165 weight category, Sgt. Arthur Tom came in 1st place with a lift of 300 lbs.; 198-220 weight category, Officer Kenneth Crawford came in 1st place with a lift of 450 lbs. and Det. Eric Moore came in 8th place

man, Minohara-Bilig, and Sanz-Agero. Welcome aboard.

### Something You Should Know

L.A. County has the highest number of pedestrian traffic collisions. This is due to drivers not paying attention to pedestrians in marked and unmarked crosswalks. Many of the drivers are talking on cell phones, reading, talking to their passengers and a variety of other distracting things.

The CTD Traffic Safety Unit conducts pedestrian violation details every month in each division in their bureau. During each detail over 100 citations were issued for 21950(A) VC (failing to yield to ped in crosswalk).

The officers conducting the detail consist of six motor officers and two or three walking decoys. During some of the details, marked black/white police vehicles and unmarked police vehicles have failed to yield to the decoy officers.

These details are conducted in most cities and it is something all officers should be aware of. Section 21950(A) VC says you shall yield to pedestrians in crosswalks marked or unmarked.

On Friday, October 8, 1999, another pedestrian detail was conducted in Newton Division at two different locations. Over 120 violators were cited.

Citing violators for this section will have a significant impact on reducing serious and fatal injury T/Cs involving pedestrians.

with a lift of 275 lbs. Eric was taking it easy so he wouldn't mess up his "slam dunk." In the 40-49 age group, 165-181 weight category, Sgt. John Delvecchio came in first place with a lift of 290 lbs. and Capt. I John Egan came in second place with a lift of 215 lbs. In the 50-59 age group, 132-148 weight category, Capt. III Joseph Curreri came in 1st place and in the 181-198 weight category Officer Robert Lequin came in 2nd place with a lift of 260 lbs. Congratulations and "way to go DEVONSHIRE POWER PIGS!"

### "Tonight We're Gonna Party Like it's 1999"

The annual Devonshire holiday party will be held on December 17, 1999, at the Greek Orthodox Church. Tickets are on sale in the watch commander's office, area office, or in detectives. Come on out and show your support for the last Devonshire party of the millennium. Hurry and buy your tickets early!

### News From the Wet-Set Gazette

Congratulations to Det. Abel Parga and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Madeline Rae, born on September 5, 1999, making her appearance at 6 lbs., 3 oz., 19 inches; to Officer Mike Watson and his wife, a son, Chad Michael, born September 28, 1999, weighing 7 lbs., 15 oz., and 20 inches; to Officer Mike Zarekani and his wife, a daughter, Megan Manuela, born on October 2, 1999, weighing a healthy 8 lbs., 14 oz., and 19 3/4 inches. All moms and dads are doing great with the new additions to their families. We wish all of you well and happy parenting! To be continued... we're waiting for Det. Rhonda Von Gober, Officer Barbara Johnson and

Det. Eric Moore and his wife, Kimberly, to deliver their bundles of joy.

### Welcome Back!

The entire Devonshire family extends a hearty welcome back to Ann Larkin in detectives. You were missed.

### Movin' Up!

Congratulations to the following on your promotions to sergeant: Det. Amalia Sanchez and Officer S. Cline, leave us for Northeast, Det. Brian Liddy will ride the waves at Pacific, and Officer D. Sameyah, who promoted to detective, will head for the "Wild, Wild West L.A." Best wishes to you all and enjoy your promotions!

### Happy Trails to You

Leaving us are Officers B. Schmider and J. Duncan heading down to 77th Street, Binnie Phan is going downtown to Central, S. Dewitt will be "down under" in Communications, B. Butterfield and J. Velasquez will head over to Valley Bureau and J. Anaya heads over to Wilshire. Enjoy your new assignments!

### Welcome!

We extend a Devonshire welcome to Det. R. Potter in from OCVD, Officers G. Cottrell in from 77th Street, D. Sterling over from Central Bureau, A. Chapin in from Rampart, K. Gosser from Valley Bureau and W. Cespedes over from West Valley, D. Escamilla and D. Fajardo in from Training Division. Welcome to Devonshire and enjoy.

### A Millennium Moment

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Gail Ryan  
Newton Division

This year's Christmas party will be held Friday, December 17, 1999, at the Sheraton Rosemead Hotel. The cost will be \$50 a couple or \$25 a person, and it includes dinner, DJ, and gifts. See the W/C for your ticket.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Dets. **Maria Rivas** and **Albert Perez**, who were injured October 27, 1999, in an on-duty traffic accident. They are both home recuperating from their injuries. Please hurry back to work for Y2K. And to Officer **Sandra Rosas**, who fell on the stairs, and is now walking with the aid of crutches, please use the elevator from now on.

Congratulations to Juvenile Car Officer **Rose Ledesma** on her recent nuptials to Ansurio Gaeta on October 2, 1999. They honeymooned in Hawaii.

Congratulations to **James** and **Julie**



"Cop 4 a Day"—R/O Bertolino with Charles Holt Jr. (child), Air Support Pilot, 10/28/99. NTN program for terminally ill children took child to roll call and flying.

**Huett** on the birth of their daughter, Zoe Alexa, born on September 22, 1999. Her big brother is Zane Alexander. Congratulations also to **Ruben** and **Sonia Moreno** on the birth of their son, Michael Andrew on October 21, 1999. Michael also has a big sister, Yoseri.

On September 1, 1999, Officers **Jolivette**, #25494, and **Padilla**, #31073, responded to a call at the Bank of America at 6400 S. Avalon. It seems a 65-year-old blind, Korean veteran had been forced from his home. The suspect then took the victim to the bank where he tried to force him to withdraw

all of his money. However, the suspect's plans were thwarted when the bank manager and two of the victim's relatives intervened. The officers took the suspect into custody without incident. The D.A. filed one count of kidnapping for the purpose of robbery with special allegations of crime against the elderly. Now, the suspect, a second striker, is looking at a maximum sentence of two life terms.

On September 5, 1999, Officers **Meade**, #30401, and **Stack**, #34892, responded to a shooting call in the area of 50th and Hooper Avenue. En route, they observed the drive-by shooting vehicle speeding away. They followed it to 40th Place and Long Beach Avenue where the suspect jumped out and ran. Following a K-9 search, the suspect was taken into custody for attempt murder. Good job.

If you are going to steal produce, it pays to have a vehicle that starts. On September 18, 1999, Officers **Vidrieza**, #31945, and **Wong**, #34745, received a call to meet a security guard at the produce market holding a theft suspect. After the suspect loaded \$800 in produce into his truck he attempted to drive away without paying for it. Unfortunately for the suspect, the vehicle would not start. The



by Julian Almaraz  
Foothill Division

### Foothill Patrol Officers Involved:

P-3 **Ted Watson**, #24628, P-3 **Diane Escalante**, #303317, P-3 **Kevin Hawkins**, #31057, P-2 **Terence Tamura**, #27900, P-3 **Arno Clair**, #31212, P-2 **Roy Agbanawag**, #30422, P-2 **Sergio Driontez**, #32166, P-2 **Jerrold Wert**, #32715.

On October 9, 1999, at 2120 hours, officers responded to a radio call of a 415 man holding his girlfriend at gunpoint, shots were fired in the middle of the street at 12121 Memphis Avenue in Sylmar.

where the suspect was the orchestrator of actions.

"Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence." —Vince Lombardi  
Thanks, Sgt. I Wes Buhrmester, #25214, for the commendatory report.

### Foothill Sports

P-2 **Efrén** (G-man) Gutierrez organized several officers: P-3 **Enrique Beccerra**, #31700, Det. Trainee P-3 **Rick Gonzales**, #27125, and P-1 **Laura Jackman**, #34977. They dedicated themselves for several weeks to training for the 7th annual "Stair Climb to the Top" race. This race took place downtown at the YMCA building, 75 floors and 1,500 steps. All the officers involved finished in the top 20th in their class.

### Remembrance

This last year we lost a lot of friends and family. The holidays are upon us and like to wish everyone a wonderful season to all. I myself lost a parent and I remember the great love and joy she gave me. I still miss her and always will. I truly believe we all have the same type of



Once the officers arrived, they found the female victim in the street. The victim stated she was battered by live-in boyfriend and father of her child. The suspect also pointed a gun at the victim and fired one round into the air. The suspect was very intoxicated. He then retreated back into the residence, with their nine-month-old child.

All officers set up perimeter around the house and evacuated adjacent neighbors. Officers attempted to contact the suspect to exit the location via the phone with negative results. Officers used the patrol car's loudspeaker to order the suspect out of the house, but the suspect refused to respond to officers' commands. Officer **Watson**, the elder statesman of the consortium of employees, established a rapport with the suspect. Callings on the guile enhanced by close to two decades of experience, he was able to talk the suspect into exiting the residence and leaving the nine-month-old child inside. Waiting officers arrested the suspect and the child was recovered from inside the house.

Investigation revealed there was a history of domestic violence in the past. The suspect was arrested for 273.5 PC and booked at Foothill Station.

All officers conducted themselves in a superbly disciplined and professional manner. Their department was commended on by neighbors who bore witness to the proceeding. By utilizing the concepts of cover and time management, they were able to dictate the pace of the incident, rather than the enantiomorph,

parents who gave us the same values of faith, family and friends. That's why I became a police officer. We should never forget our fallen brother/sister/father or close friends. I value my wealth by the amount of friends I have. They will always be there for you.

"Friends are there to heal the wounds, to pull you out of saddened times, to brighten up your cloudy skies. Friends are there with open arms, to comfort and block the harms. Friends are there to smile or tear, happiness or fear. Friends are fun and clever. The ties that bind friends will last forever." —Harmony Davis, age 14.

We had one officer injured while directing traffic. During Morning Watch, Officer **Jeff Smith**, who is recovering at home, and SLO Norm Dumais, who had to be rushed to the hospital from the station for inflamed tear to his stomach. All of their family and friends from LAPD came to the aid of these officers and helped in any way they could.

"Everyone have a blessed and safe holiday season."

### In and Outs

We would like to welcome Sgts. **Harris**, #25838, Sgt. **Alonso**, #26274, Det. **Cunningham**, #16029, and Det. **Saade**, #22635. We are sad to say goodbye to several great officers: Sgt. **Jones** (Det-Rampart) and **Barkman** (Det-Narco Div.). We will miss your quality police work. Congratulations to Officer **Jorge Morales** on his promotion to Det. Trainee P-3.

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# TOP COPS



Officer Greg Foster with his wife Ephrat.



Officer Chris Yzaguirre and Kristina.



Detective Barbara Bella with Officer Jude Bella and family members.



Vice President Al Gore with the Honorees and Robert Seully (NAPO Executive Director) and Tom Scotto (NAPO President).



Retired LAPD Commander Bob Taylor and Assemblyman Scott Wildman.



LAPD's honorees and Anamaria Lazzaretto



Congressman Marty Martinez and Anamaria Lazzaretto.



League Director Cliff Ruff and Congressman Brad Sherman.

## 1999 NAPO TOP COPS: CALIFORNIA

- Officer Andy Azodi
- Officer Jude Bella
- Officer Ryan Clark\*
- Officer Chris Dunn

- Officer Kevin J. Foster
- Officer Craig Schofield Hewitt
- Officer Chris Yzaguirre

(\* Now with the United States Army.)

### LAPD OFFICERS AWARDED NATIONAL TOP COPS HONOR

Seven Los Angeles police officers who braved gunfire to rescue a Glendale officer mortally wounded in a 1997 warehouse ambush, were honored at a White House reception.

The seven were named "Top Cops" along with fellow officers from across the nation, officials said.

The National Assn. of Police Organizations said the award was given to honor officers Andy Azodi, Jude Bella, Ryan Clark, Chris Dunn, Kevin J. Foster, Craig Schofield Hewitt, and Chris Yzaguirre.

The White House reception honoring the officers—who worked at the Los Angeles Police Department's North Hollywood, West Valley, and Foothill Divisions—was followed on Friday, October 22, by an awards ceremony and dinner for the recipients and their families.

Glendale Police Officer Charles Lazzaretto died after being shot by a domestic-abuse suspect in a darkened Chatsworth warehouse. The suspect later was slain, and Officers Bella and Foster were wounded in their attempt to rescue Lazzaretto.

Top Cops are nominated by fellow law enforcement officers and selected from hundreds of nominations. The top 10 cases from around the country are chosen for the distinction. (See Rick Wells story on page 7.)



Officer Chris Dunn and Marta Ferrow.



Officer Craig Hewitt and Andee Stodel.



Officer Ryan Clark with his wife Laura.



Officer Andrew Azodi and his wife Ana.



Actor Richard Belzer from NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims' Unit."



Ana and Aaron Azodi.



League President Ted Hunt and Congressman Brad Sherman.



Congressman Brad Sherman.



Photos by Ted Hunt

# Raging Waters

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# TOP COPS

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## National Association Of Police Organizations Honors America's Finest

CALIFORNIA: Officer Andy Azodi, Officer Jude Bella, Officer Ryan Clark\*, Officer Chris Dunn, Officer J. Foster, Officer Craig Schofield Hewitt and Officer Chris Yzaguirre

L.A. cops knew Israel Gonzales was bad news—they were called in on May 27, 1997 to arrest him after he tried to kill a former girlfriend by using a stun gun to knock her to the ground; he then tied her feet together, handcuffed her hands, gagged her, choked her, and then attempted to drown her in a bathtub full of water. Somehow, she managed to beg for her life, survive, and report the attempted murder.

At 11:30 p.m., Glendale Police Detectives Charles Lazzaretto and Arthur Frank tracked Gonzales down at his job at a pornographic film studio. As they cautiously entered the pitch-black building, Gonzales opened fire with a 9mm semi-automatic pistol. Lazzaretto was hit and fell to the floor. Det. Frank called to him, but getting no answer, immediately telephoned for backup. Officers Andy Azodi, Jude Bella, Ryan Clark, Chris Dunn, Kevin Foster, Craig Hewitt, and Chris Yzaguirre arrived.

In an attempt to locate Det. Lazzaretto in the darkness, the officers rolled a flashlight across the floor toward where Det. Lazzaretto had fallen. The flashlight was immediately met by gunfire from the suspect. Officer Chris Yzaguirre, the senior police officer present at the time, quickly formulated a plan to save Det. Lazzaretto who would not be able to wait

for the SWAT team. To implement the plan, each officer was asked to volunteer, and each officer made the conscious decision to risk his life to save a dying officer. They knew that the only way they could save their dying colleague was to walk into a life-threatening situation where the gunman had all the advantages of darkness, concealment, cover, and high ground.

Officers Bella and Foster were followed by Officers Clark, Azodi and Dunn. Armed with shotguns, Officers Yzaguirre and Hewitt followed. Officer Yzaguirre fired two diversionary rounds. Then an intense firefight took place. Officer Bella was shot in the hand, knee, chest, and twice in the back. Officer Foster was hit in the hip, leg, and torso. Still, they attempted to rescue Det. Lazzaretto, stopping only when their loss of blood made them too weak to continue. Soon, the SWAT team arrived, and pulled out Det. Lazzaretto, who soon died from the wounds he sustained. Gonzales was later found dead inside the warehouse due to the self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Officers Andy Azodi, Jude Bella, Ryan Clark, Chris Dunn, Kevin Foster, Craig Hewitt, and Chris Yzaguirre are just seven of the more than 20 heroic Los Angeles Police Officers who entered the building that night to rescue Det. Lazzaretto, all of whom proved that nothing stands in the way of defending each other in the face of danger.

\*Officer Clark is now with the U.S. Army.)

## Seven Police Officers From Los Angeles Police Department Winners of Prestigious TOP COPS Awards Honoring America's Finest

Washington, D.C.—Seven police officers with the Los Angeles Police Department were honored with law enforcement officers from nine other states in the Sixth Annual TOP COPS Awards by the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), NAPO Executive Director Robert T. Scully announced.

Police Officers Andrew Azodi, Jude Bella, Ryan Clark (now with the U.S. Army), Chris Dunn, Kevin J. Foster, Craig Schofield Hewitt and Chris Yzaguirre were nominated by Dave Hepburn, President of the Los Angeles Police Protective League to receive the TOP COPS Award for their work in May, 1998.

On the night of May 27, an armed felon opened fire in his darkened pornographic film studio, fatally wounding their colleague from the Glendale Police Department, Det. Charles Lazzaretto. In a courageous effort to save Lazzaretto, each officer volunteered to walk directly into a life-threatening firefight that resulted in multiple injuries to Officers Foster and Bella. The felon was later found dead by SWAT teams. "I would like to thank the officers who helped me get out of the warehouse," said Officer Jude Bella. "Without them we would not be here today." "I just wish we got Lazzaretto out as well. Thank you, NAPO."

The LAPD officers were honored with fellow winners and honorable mention recipients for their outstanding service and heroic acts of courage on the job

at a ceremony in Washington on Friday, October 22. The prestigious event was co-hosted by Masters of Ceremony Richard Belzer of NBC's *Law and Order*; Special Victims Unit and Lynne Russell of CNN's *Headline News*. Also in attendance will be S. Epatha Merkerson of NBC's *Law and Order*, and Yaphet Kotto of NBC's *Homicide: Life on the Street*.

The TOP COPS Awards pay tribute to law enforcement officers from across the country for outstanding service to their communities during the preceding year. The TOP COPS were nominated by fellow officers and selected from hundreds of nominations by an Awards Committee. Officers from the top ten cases have been chosen as the 1999 NAPO TOP COPS. In each remaining state, one case has been selected, from which an officer or group of officers receive Honorable Mention awards.

NAPO, a national law enforcement group, represents more than 250,000 sworn law enforcement officers from 4,000 police associations and unions across the country. Based in Washington, D.C., NAPO fights for the rights of law enforcement officers through federal legislation, legal advocacy and education. TOP COP Awards proceeds benefit the Police Research and Education Project, NAPO's sister educational organization, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and Concerns of Police Survivors.

### Wells

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In a very short time they had devised their plan, as well as alternative plans should any of their team become wounded. Extra weapons were secured as well as various tactical tools available at the scene.

It was then show-time. The team did a quick practice run in the outer lobby area and then entered what can best be described as a kill zone. By prior plan they entered the warehouse using suppressive cover fire. Just as they reached Detective Lazzaretto an intense fire fight between Gonzales and the rescue team ensued. Jude Bella was shot in the hand, knee, chest and twice in the back. Kevin Foster was shot in the hip, leg, and torso. In spite of their wounds, they continued trying to pull Detective Lazzaretto out of the warehouse, stopping only after their own loss of blood made them too weak to continue. The rescue team then went into their alternate rescue plan and rescued two of their own. Incredibly, as soon as they managed to get Jude Bella and Kevin Foster to an ambulance, the remaining would-be rescuers headed back to try again. It was then that they were relieved by Metro K-9 and SWAT officers who engaged Gonzales in another series of fierce firefights. SWAT officers were able to retrieve Detective Lazzaretto from the warehouse. He died as a result of the gunshot wounds, leaving a widow and two young sons.

Officers Jude Bella and Kevin Foster eventually 'recovered' from their wounds and have returned to work.

I wish that each of you could have been at the TOP COPS Awards dinner to see the incredible response from the audience when Mrs. Anamaria Lazzaretto, stepped up to the podium to make the presentations to each of the LAPD TOP COPS Awards recipients in person.

She thanked our officers on behalf of her family and spoke about her husband and their children and life as it is today, she talked about the courage our officers demonstrated in risking their lives to attempt to save his. When she concluded there were few dry eyes in the room, the standing ovations those officers received that night was far more indicative of how the citizens of this Nation feel toward LAPD officers than any cheap shot in the media or political circles.

As I stood there at the White House and at the Awards Dinner it occurred to me that, I've never been more proud to be a member of this Department than I was then. To be certain I was proud of our TOP COPS for their heroic actions, but more importantly, for what they represented as they stood tall on those stages. Those seven officers were ambassadors. They proudly and humbly represented all that is right about LAPD. They represented the 10,000 hard-working, dedicated and honest men and women that are the real LAPD.

On behalf of all of us; **Thanks guys. You did real good!**

A few special Thank Yous are in order here. First, must be to President William Clinton for honoring our members and their spouses as his guests at the White House. Thanks to Vice President Al Gore for honoring our members and their families at the awards dinner, his presence certainly added to the solemn celebration.

Next, my hat's off to NAPO President Tom Scotto and NAPO Executive Director Bob Scully, who have been there for me time after time. It was Bob who personally arranged for me to attend the ceremony at the White

House. I will long remember the experience and the kindness shown.

Thanks also for their willingness to stretch their budget back at NAPO to allow so many of our members to be considered for this honor. I know it isn't easy paying for seven as opposed to a one or two person event. For your information, NAPO graciously pays for transportation, lodging and some meals for all of the TOP COPS Honorees.

Special thanks to Congressmen Marty Martinez, Brad Sherman and Jim Rogan for taking time from very busy schedules to honor our members and the family of Charles Lazzaretto, California State Assemblyman Scott Wildman, not only took time from his very busy election campaign schedule, he had to fly back to Washington D.C., to attend the Awards Ceremony, but then had to return to Los Angeles the following day.

To Andrew and Nan Lazzaretto, the parents of Charles Lazzaretto. They flew to Washington to provide support to Anamaria and to show appreciation to our members and their families.

Finally, there is the most special thanks of all to Charles Lazzaretto's widow, Anamaria. Almost three years after her husband's death she was willing to leave her two young sons Mathew, five and Andrew, six years old, at home with their grandmother and fly to Washington D.C. to be present as a speaker and presenter.

Mrs. Lazzaretto knew that such an event would certainly bring many buried emotions back to the surface. She knew that while standing on a stage in front of a couple hundred strangers she would have to relive the most horrific experience of her life. In spite of the personal hardship that she would endure throughout the evening, she wanted to come and pay a personal, heartfelt tribute to the seven heroes who put it all on the line to make a desperate rescue attempt to save her wounded husband.

I do not have the words to describe the dignity value that her presence on that stage with our heroes added to the moment, and to the entire ceremony. She talked about our officers and their sacrifices and courage under fire. She talked about the loss of her husband as only a police widow could, and then blew us all away when she told us how her husband's spirit lives on behind the badges of the heroes that were then standing behind her on the stage. She spoke quietly but eloquently from her heart in a special way that everyone in room understood to be pure class.

Then just as quietly as she had appeared she stepped aside to allow the LAPD Seven to have their moment in the sun. Most of us in the audience welcomed the chance for a standing ovation so we could wipe the dreaded East Coast humidity from our eyes and to get our hearts going again.

I cannot thank Anamaria Lazzaretto enough for helping to make October 22, 1999, the second most unforgettable night for our guys. Having known her father, Robert Taylor, for many years, it was easy to understand how she could be such a class act.

The last thanks must be to those guys who made us all look good doing what they thought was the right thing and in so doing, joined that very elite group of lawmen known as TOP COPS and real life heroes.

That's it from me. Thanks for your indulgence.

Take care of each other, and **WEAR YOUR VESTS.**

P.S.: To those of you that took the time to vote in our recent LAPPL Board elections, Thank You.



# WEST WINGS & ARROWS

by Jorge F. Torres  
West Traffic Division

It's the end of 1999, and the whole world is about to celebrate 2YK. Looking back it was a great year for West Traffic. We moved into our new facility and made new friends with West Bureau and Wilshire Station. Our motor officers came off the "que." And everyone worked hard. The number of citations we issued soared and the number of "TCs" dwindled. The reserve officers and volunteers programs were revived and literally wrote over a thousand citations this year. Our super-



WTD's deskmasters Joe Buscaino, Stephanie Corrine and George McNeil wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

visors wrote numerous positive card entries throughout the year. Even

though there were many veteran officers who retired this year, there were many new energetic faces that transferred into our division. We are looking forward to continue our success well into 2000. LAPD 2000!

One early morning, **Tony Trovato** and **Tony Hale**, better known as the "Two Tonies," were investigating a fatal traffic collision near the intersection of Western Ave. and Olympic Blvd. Being safety conscious officers, they

may have a DUI coming up and saying, "Hi, Officer!"

Skip "Dr. Atkins" **Massline** has everyone in CIFU losing! (Losing unwanted pounds). Skip has gotten everyone on the high protein low carbohydrate diet. It was an early New Year's resolution. The big loser has been **Joe Apodaca**. Joe has lost nearly 50 pounds since he's been on Skip's diet. Joe is anxious to regain his once 30-inch waist!



West Traffic celebrating Bosses Day—Leon Good, Jaqueline Stokes, Rosie Rojas, Joe Peyton, Captain Paul Kim, Larry Delgado and JoAnn Anthony.

set up an obvious flare pattern to caution oncoming traffic. Would you believe that on five different occasions five different drivers drove through their conspicuous pattern! The "Two Tonies" stopped each driver and observed to their surprise they were all "DUI!!" The "Two Tonies" returned to West Traffic with not only a traffic substantial collision report but also with five DUI arrestees! The "Two Tonies" want every officer to be careful when conducting an investigation in the street in the early morning hours. You

Congratulations to **Patrick Delaney**. He's been promoted to the position of auditor in CIFU. This is a very responsible position. The auditor ensures that every traffic report that comes through West Traffic is technically correct and free from errors. (Pat, feel free to correct any of my reports. You have my permission!)

West Traffic is losing three of its more enthusiastic and productive offi-

cers! Officer **Jim Hasslam** is transferring to Southeast, Officer **Mike McCarthy** to 77th Station, and Det. **Tony Lee** is going to the Police Commission. We wish you guys lots of success in your new divisions. You guys will be missed!

We welcome Motor Officers **M. Boyd** from Central Traffic, **R. Hung** from South Traffic, and **H. Criner** from Valley Traffic to the West Traffic family.



Frank "Mano a Mano" Montelongo leading the charge in 2000.

Now a few words from the most venerable **Phil Okamoto**. "Now that there are six billion people on the face of the earth, there'll be two suckers born every minute. And we'll be able to issue more citations!" Thank you most enlightened one!

Merry Christmas everyone, especially you, **Roy Langheld**!

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey  
West Los Angeles Division

There they were, up on Mt. Shasta, the SLO Officers, Guzman, Enbody and



Mountaineers—(L to R): Enbody, Guzman, their guide, and Hinman.

Hinman. That must have been quite an adventure. The trip to the mount occurred on July 7 and 8, 1999. Officer Dennis Hinman said, "the weather outside was

reach the REAL summit. Blisters and swollen ankles will not keep them from continuing their mountaineering and soaring to ever-greater heights.



Bivouacking in the snow.

frightening; it rained all night but the weather was dry! Phil Enbody said, "It was a warm-cold day." The officers said it was strenuous and difficult but very fulfilling. There was snow along the entire trip to the peak which was over 14,000 feet. Part of the trek included keeping an eye out for a mountaineer who was discovered missing a week prior. He has not been seen to this day. Mt. Shasta is an active volcano. When asked why they went, the officers said it was to sit at the top and look out. They

climbed from 6,000 to 10,000 feet the first day and then "bivouacked"—slept in tents, cooked, the works. The final attempt was made at 0330 the next morning, in the dark, complete with headlamps. They reached the summit at 1115. Sergio Guzman said they would be doing Kilimanjaro in July . . . or maybe not. He also said that he recommends that all officers do this to clear their heads. They enjoyed "glissading," sliding on their rear-ends down a 1,500 meter snow chute while traveling at 90 MPH and out-of-control. What they originally thought was the summit turned out to be "Misery Hill," known as the false summit. They still had 1,000 yards to go to



(L to R): A parrot, Cindy Curti and a shark enjoying the Jimmy Buffet concert.

full-time party animal" and Property Dispo Coordinator. Cindy came to West L.A. when she found out that the West L.A. courthouse would be moving into her neighborhood. Pretty soon she will be able to ride her bicycle to work.

Would you believe it if I told you that "it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas"? Well, it is. I can hardly wait. Remember the saying, "it's better to give than to receive"? Well, I'd like to give you something, a few more snippets about Y2K. Surprised? This will be the last Blue Line before the year 2000. Hmmm, I wonder if the January issue will arrive. That's just it, no one knows exactly what will happen or for how long as there is no precedent for Y2K. "The main controversy of Y2K is its uncertainty." The U.S. Senate released a massive Y2K report on September 22, 1999, which contained "ominous pronouncements, such as 'the likelihood of disruption in oil imports is high due to lack of preparedness in key oil-producing countries.' It was also noted that "severe long-and-short-term disrup-

tions to supply chains are likely to occur." Let's see, what else? Let me look into my vast repertoire and extract a sample. Oh, here's one you might like. Sunday, October 24, 1999, the *Los Angeles Times* . . . There was an article titled, "Some Fear Sabotage by Y2K Consultants." In this article Mark Gembicki, Chairman of War Room Research, a computer security consulting firm, said, "We've discovered bugs and back doors being put in software from remediation efforts from foreign nationals . . . We think it's a serious issue." Trapdoors allow outsiders to regain access to programs at a future date, often without detection. Frank J. Cilluffo, director of the terrorism task force at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank, said that trapdoors may have been inserted into code rewritten for banks and investment houses, as well as government agencies and scientific laboratories. "The potential for espionage and fraud is enormous," he said. The countdown has begun . . . see you next year.

### Medal of Valor Winner

Officer Jude Bella of the Academy Instruction Training Unit was awarded the Medal of Valor award in September, 1999. Jude courageously sacrificed his own safety in attempting to rescue an injured Glendale police officer, who died in the line-of-duty. Officer Bella was shot numerous times by the murder suspect, yet he still fought to save the downed officer. The suspect later committed suicide. Jude was also awarded the Top Cop award from President Clinton for this act of valor in Washington, D.C. Outstanding job and congratulations on your pay-grade advancement to PIII at West Valley Division!

### Promotions and Transfers

Congratulations to Officer Mike Parlor of the Tactics Training Unit! Mike promoted to the rank of sergeant and is currently assigned at Hollenbeck

### ACADEMY NEWS

by David Koeh  
Training Division

#### Officer Adrian Silva

We would like to say thank you to Officer Adrian Silva. He is now a member of the Santa Ana Police Department, as of September 6, 1999. Adrian worked in both the Spanish Training Unit and Law Training Unit. Officer Silva always displayed commitment in training recruit officers of the Los Angeles Police Department.



Training Division—Officers Komathy, Rodriguez, Adrian Silva and Hernandez.

### Outstanding Instructor Award

The Outstanding Instructor award for the 4-99 Recruit Officer Class was appointed to Officer Henry Mendoza of the Academic Instruction Training Unit. The 4-99 Class selected him for this commendation. Henry was invited as a guest for the Chief's Breakfast, prior to the 4-99 Class Graduation. Congratulations!

Division. Officer Jude Bella, as aforementioned, has advanced to the rank of PIII. I know that Jude will provide the best training to his probationary police officers.

Officer Medel transferred to our division from DARE Division. And Officer Stiger transferred from South Bureau. Congratulations to everyone!

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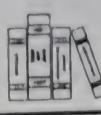
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# Northeast Corner

by Lauro V. Montes  
Northeast Division

I am dedicating the first part of my holiday article to some very special LAPD personnel. Some of these individuals are still active, some are retired and some have promoted to the big roll call room in the sky. They are often overlooked, but our department history tells us they overcame great odds time and time again.

These individuals were equipped with inadequate and obsolete equipment. They had no O/C spray, no rip hobble and no ASP. They had .38 caliber revolvers. The only radio they had was in their black & white. They wore Class-A uniforms daily on patrol. They had mandatory before court (no on-call court) and 28-minute Code-7. They did not have bulletproof vests either. Despite all this, these veteran LAPD officers earned great respect and a reputation known nationwide.

I salute all of you veteran LAPD officers who continue to serve as role models

## Officer of the Quarter

P-3 Oscar Prado, #27883, has been selected as Northeast Area Officer of the 2nd Quarter of 1999. Oscar is a nine-year LAPD veteran who has spent all his time in Patrol. He is an outstanding training officer who takes the arduous task of training very serious. His end result of Oscar's effort is a well-trained and time-tested employee. Oscar is respected, trusted and can be counted on by supervisors. As a result, he has been chosen as a team leader on many tactical situations. A team leader is chosen based on one's ability, knowledge and courage. Oscar is a leader as displayed during roll calls, de-



briefings and daily patrol activities. He is the first to volunteer to handle a late radio call near EOW. He cares for the welfare of the community and the reputation of



for the younger generation. You have done your job with great professionalism and dedication.

## Christmas Party

Northeast Division will be hosting the party of all parties on Saturday, December 18th, at the Wyndham Hotel in Monrovia. Don't be left out on what promises to be an outstanding event.

the Department. Oscar possesses outstanding communication skills, professionalism, expertise, maturity and self-restraint. His enthusiasm is reflected in his being one of the area's highest producers. Oscar exemplifies the mid-PM Watch motto: "Standing tall" on a daily basis. Oscar is a definite asset to Northeast Area, the LAPD, the citizens of L.A., and is truly deserving of this recognition.



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## Open House

On Saturday, October 23rd, Northeast Division opened its doors to approximately 500 local residents at our annual open house. This event was a success due to many LAPD employees. A huge thank you to the following LAPD specialized divisions: Air Support (Officers Vann and Campos), Mounted Unit (Officers Rubio and Nepomuceno), SWAT (Officer Massa), K-9 (Officers Tico and Spinello), Bomb Squad (Officer Anderson), CTD-Motors (Officer Sanchez), and Narcos-K9.

An even huger thank you to the following Northeast personnel: Sgt. Lemelle,

best of luck on your new assignments: P-3 S. Cline to Sgt.-1 (from DEV), P-2 K. Yeung to P-3 (DSD), P-2 R. Quiroga to P2+2 (VTD) and Mgtade V. Munoz to MA1 (remains).

## Bienvenidos

Sgt.-1 A. Sanchez (DEV), Sgt.-1 D. Hanczuk (VNY), P-3 L. Daigle (WIL), and from TRNG DIV, recruits-Eagles, Lamas and Moya.

## Adios

Sgt. S. Cunningham to FTHL, Det. Y. Saade to FTHL and P-1 A. Alvo.

## Oldies But Goodies

A big Northeast Division hello to some of L.A.'s retired finest: Harold Clifton, Vern Dandridge, Terry Johnson, Gary Hinderaker, Roy Cook, Joe Friend, Dennis Hansen, Carlos Galindo, Harold Bowman, Lou Lozano, James Shiver, Lynn Luiz, Phil Rodriguez, Mike Klee, Gary Feauto, Roland Andrade, Thomas Moselle and John Ferguson.

## Bouncing Bundle of Joy

A belated congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Murillo on the birth of their son, Nathan, born on Tuesday, August 10th, at 0740 hours.

## Happy Holidays

Northeast personnel wishes all LAPD officers and their families a Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Buon Natale, Happy Kwanza, Mele Kalikimaka & Happy Hanukkah. May your holiday season be the best ever!

## One Last Time

The enclosed photos depict Northeast personnel at a tribute barbecue on September 22nd at the Griffith Park Rangers Station for Lt. Young.

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

# VAN NUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose  
Van Nuys Division

The Krispy Kreme donut shop opened a new location here in Van Nuys with great fanfare and this opening soon turned into a nightmare for Van Nuys Area. Maybe a Sarah project would be in order. "No way" stated SLO Vivian Flores, whose area this popular establishment plopped down in. Sgt. II Mike Long finally solved all problems by appointing himself the donut czar for the entire department. Next step for Mike, code 7 commissioner. Personally, I refuse to be a traitor to my own donut spot just down the street from this Krispy joint. But, Tom Bibbs finally convinced me to give this place a try. Two donuts, two milks, four bucks. Wow, maybe when Tom and I get some time on the job Krispy will cut us a break.

Former Van Nuys copper Vip Kanchanamongkol returned to Van Nuys sporting his brand new sergeant stripes after a lengthy tour in Narcotics Group. Welcome home, Vip, better known as K-14. Something about his name being difficult to pronounce.

Hmm, seems like common spelling to me.

Diane Wade and Marty Guerrero also got promoted and Diane to the Beach and Marty to the Miracle Mile. Then Wayne Morey was promoted to replace someone. Old timer Steve Dell arrived to us from West L.A., and I

Laurenano Alvarez from Central, Brian Coleman from Hollenbeck, James Cherrete, Ray Cortez, and Ken Plunkett from Hollywood. Rich Knopf, Roberto Morales and Fernando Salcedo from Southwest, and finally, Julio Umana from Wilshire. Hope some of these can run as we need help in the upcoming Foothill to Devonshire relay race, scheduled for Dec. 4.

Our holiday party is Dec. 3. See how really manly our group is, party on Fri-



mean an old timer . . . almost as old as yours truly. Okay, Steve, you're just but a youngster compared to me. Also on the move, Sgt. Larry Maillet from Newton, Sgt. John Goode to SSG (sounds like a car model), Sgt. Charles Hearn will somehow be directed to Valley Bureau, and Shannon Paulson has been banished to Communications Division. To fill the spot left by John in the captain's office, we had Vinny Neglia sit down for a spell. Officers Keily, Ortiz, and Dan Robinson walked upstairs to OVB CRASH. We get Robert Powers from 77th,

day and run on Saturday.

Outgoing, Matt Swan, will pedal his bicycle over to Hollywood. I noted a boot Fandino on the transfer, but he does not show up on our current roster. Hope this kid arrived somewhere.

We did have some real excitement at Grant High School this past week. Actually the problem has been with us for some time as the Armenian students decided that they really did not like the Hispanic students for whatever reason. A mini riot broke out and Lt. Wakefield got to don her tactical helmet, form up squads and all that good stuff. Sgt. Andy Mathes looked just a Metro guy. We were able to contain things to a few isolated fights. Peace is shaky, but we are continuing to monitor this school. Why doesn't Glendale or Hollywood have these problems?? I happen to note that Raffi Khandikian, our kitroom leader, was absent for a few days. I wonder who riled up all those fun-loving Armenians. Where was he??

Alison Tibbet, of our Training Unit, informed me that she entered a major shooting match sponsored by

LASO. I told her, "That's great, write it up and give it to me." I told Alison to give me the particulars on this match, but she let me down, so I just have to guess what the competition consisted of. Let me see, the event was the first person to hit the sign of a large, red barn. Alison won, but then she was inside of the barn when she fired. But she did win.

Van Nuys Area's own Dennis Deno criticized the Department's historical society's 1999 calendar. So guess who got to design the 2000 calendar? Sure enough. But I think he did a great job. He gets my \$7.95. To order yours, just phone 213-344-9445. A worthy purchase that should last all year. I mean even the chief liked this calendar and he is not an easy guy to please.

We now have a new date for the completion of our parking structure. Not August, not September, not October. Now it is November. I think the only way to finish this project is to rent a two-sacker for Dan Drulias, then have Carlton Cook loan him ten WAFCO workers. Then, two weeks max . . .

The 6th Annual Jack Webb Banquet was held on October 22, 1999, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. This year's recipients of the Jack Webb award included such famous names as Dennis Franz of "NYPD Blue" fame, and Jay Leno of the "Tonight Show." Real estate mogul and philanthropist Donald T. Sterling was presented with the Humanitarian of the Year award.

Other well-known dignitaries in attendance at the black tie affair included former Senator Edward M. Davis, Mayor Richard Riordan, LAPD Police Chief Bernard C. Parks, and former LAPD Chief of Police Daryl F. Gates, Councilman Mike Feuer, Sheriff Lee Baca and many others.

The Los Angeles Police Historical Society received the funds raised by the silent auction as well as those raised by the \$250 a plate dinner. Those funds will be used to assist in the restoration of the Highland Park Police Station, now a historical landmark, and will serve as the permanent home for the LAPD Historical Society.

ounces, measured 18-1/2 inches in length. The proud parents are Sgt. Derek O'Donnell and Colleen O'Donnell.

Courtney Sinclair Hinton, born September 24, 1999, weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces, measured 19-1/2 inches in length. The proud parents are Det. Paul Hinton and Tyler Hinton.

Jaclynn Elaine Patino, born October 7, 1999, weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, measured 19-3/4 inches in length. The proud parents are Officer Todd Patino and Tonia Biely.

Ashley Elizabeth Closson, born October 23, 1999, weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, measured 19 inches in length. The proud parents are Officer Joshua Closson and Nancy Closson.

Jayleen Heynme Stewart, born October 30, 1999, weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, measured 18-1/2 inches in length. The proud parents are Officer Justin Stewart and Cindy Brawner.

Thanks to all those who participated with the fund-raiser. It was a success. A special thanks to Ivy Gutierrez, Mariana Vasquez and Sherry Maynard for all their time and efforts in making this a success.

Goodbye and good luck to Det. Adrian Soler leaving to RHD and Det. Sonia Tiefenbacher going to Fugitive.

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by Sue Miller  
Rampart Division

### Rampart Babies

Congratulations to the newest additions to the Rampart family:

Dante Valentino Sera, born June 30, 1999, weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, measured 21 inches in length. The proud parents are Officer William Sera and Leesa Sera.

Johanna Marie Jenneman, born July 21, 1999, weighed 7 pounds, 3-1/2 ounces, measured 21 inches in length. The proud parents are Officer Timothy Jenneman and Marielena Jenneman.

Nathan Frank Murillo, born August 10, 1999, weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces, measured 18-1/2 inches in length. The proud parents are Officer Frank Murillo (NOE), and SCT Adda Murillo.

Sean Thomas O'Donnell, born August 24, 1999, weighed 6 pounds, 6



by Officer Robert Peters, Tunnel Rat  
Transit Rail Division

Well, things are moving right along here at Transit . . . (Get it? Moving at Transit? . . . I'm killin' me). Seriously though, folks, a lot has happened in the past month and I apologize to my fellow officers if I miss anything. But space is limited.

### Another Dirty Dozen (or so) ...

So the number is really closer to sixteen. My point is that these brave souls went out and proudly represented Transit Group as three separate teams ran the Camp Pendleton Mud Run on Oct. 23rd. Our "Dirty 30" Dirty Dozen (or so) included Lt. Dan Mulrenin, Sgt. Teri Akune, Kin Wong, Ed Pigao, Woodie Rogers, Tony "The Flaco Taco" Ochoa, Jessie "Mario Andretti" West, Erin Larsen, Ramiro Capa, Nate Kouri, Anthony Chavez, "Kung Fu" Kenny Dye, Stacy "Snow White" Ewing, and Robert "Puddles" Bourbois.



Back Row (L to R): Tom Malloy, Teri Akune, Ramiro Cada, Jessie West, Dan Mulrenin, Nathan Kouri, Stacey Ewing, Tony Ochoa, Robert Burbois; Front Row (L to R): Ryan Norman, Kenny Dye, Tony Chavez, Erin Larsen, Woodie Rogers, Kin Wong.

Officers Wong, Larsen, West, Dye, and Chavez, all former leathernecks, ran wearing red shirts bearing the logo "LAPD/TRD" on the front. On the back was a message of remembrance for the 241 Marines, sailors and one soldier killed in the terrorist bombing in Beirut 16 years ago. It said: "In the memory of the 24th MAU (Marine Amphibious Unit), Oct. 23, 1983." One of our officers was approached by a U.S. Navy Corpsman because of those shirts. He thanked our officers for this gesture as a good friend of his was killed in that incident.

Our teams all did us proud, both as a unit and as members of the finest law enforcement agency in the world.

### Dirty 30 Power Lift

On Oct. 29, 1999, a small team of lifters from Transit Group walked into the Elysian Park auditorium with victory on their minds. Only eight men and women strong, the Dirty 30 left their mark on the competition by finishing 6th overall with a final score of 52 points.

Team Captain **Malcom Thomas** led his group to two 1st place finishes (Thomas, 355 lb lift, **Todd Waymire**, 420 lb. lift). Four 2nd place finishes (**Maggie Sherman**, 135 lb. lift, **Guadalupe Alaniz**, 120 lb. life, **Sgt. Bruce Vermaat**, 255 lb. lift, and **George Oto**, 300 lb. lift). **Sgt. Don Lawrence** finished 3rd in his class with a 275 lb. lift, and **Dwight Nolan** finished 7th in a VERY tough category with an impressive 320 lb. lift.

All in all, an extremely impressive finish for a team of eight. Good job to all of you who lifted, and I just want to say one other thing to all of you . . . I hope that I don't have to fight any of you any time soon.

### Gangs of Fun

Some will say that Transit Rail Division is on the map now that we have established our Gang Liaison. Officer **Sam Shepard** has been asked to establish and maintain a liaison with all divisional and bureau CRASH units in order to better deal with gang-related problems that are beginning to occur on the red line. Sam's past experience at OSB CRASH made him the perfect choice for this assignment and he is already hard at work

supporter) aired their interview on Tuesday, November 9, on "The Tonight Show."

Word on the grapevine is that Jessie and John (who will no longer be speaking to any of us here due to their newfound celeb status) are looking for a movie contract. Good luck, guys. Jessie, a word of advice: Remember to watch your figure. They say the camera adds 40 pounds. And John, don't say anything, just sit there and look pretty, okay?

On November 12, 1999, several of our battle-hardened vets (or so they claim), along with some of us who can claim only to have watched "Apocalypse Now" until we were having 'Nam flashbacks of our own, have accepted

ter watch out! We were going to be led by Lt. **Dan Mulrenin** (a former embassy guard, USMC), but we were afraid his embassy dress blues (including blood stripe) would be too much of a target in the bush . . .

### Welcome

TRD welcomes P-2 **Victor Feliciano** from S/E, P-2 **Sarno** from S/E, and P-2 **Matt Wharton** late from 77th Street.

### Who We Are

Every time I meet an officer from another division I get asked the same question: "Who are you guys?" My answer is usually short, to the point, and unfit for print, but here I'll try to answer it in 25 words or less.

Transit Rail division is a specialized unit dealing with all crime, problems and situations in, around, and related to the Metro Red-Line. We are comprised of less than 60 patrol officers, most of whom are alumni of distinguished divisions and assignments including, 77th Street, Southeast, Newton Street, OSB CRASH and Rampart, just to name a few.

If you are interested in working for a unit that stresses good tactics, a dedicated work ethic and self-directed mainly observational police work, then Transit Rail is an excellent place for you. If you want to try it, submit a 15.88 along with your last two ratings to Lt. **Eric Davis** at (213) 922-3550. We'll see if you have what it takes.

So, that's all from TRD for this month. I look forward to seeing you in the Y2K, provided, of course, that my word processor still works. Until then, be safe . . . and have a great Holiday!

Okay, what happened to my computer?

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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

## Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts  
Pacific Division

### Open House Harmony

Pacific Area recently held its annual open house hosted by Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) in conjunction with the "Make a Difference L.A." event. Six LAUSD schools were selected within



Officer Money Scott (the Open House Shuttle Driver) enjoys the barbecued hotdogs at the event.

Pacific Area for clean-up. The Senior Lead Officers acted as liaisons, who organized the clean-up crews. The crews consisted of students, teachers, parents,

School Police, the Sheriff's Department, the CHP, Sojourn, and many more. After several hundred hot dogs (and citizens), the event concluded with the last station tour around 3:30 p.m. Many thanks go out to all personnel involved with both events, as well as the citizens who helped make the day a great success!



Officer Howard Mathews helps Senior Lead Officer Kim Kempton load her black & white for the community clean up.

clubs, organizations, and other concerned citizens, totaling approximately 150 people assisting in the efforts. Several black & whites were loaded to the max with brooms, rakes, shovels, hoes, trash liners, and paint. After putting these tools to work, each school displayed various levels of success. More importantly, the event brought together the police and the community, which is a goal we strive for. After the clean-up, all who took part came back to Pacific Area for a barbecue lunch. The lunch was cooked by yours truly and hosted by CPAB member **Raymond Shinn**. The barbecue kicked off the open house, which the entire community was invited to. There were exhibits from SWAT, the Dive Team, WTD, Bike Patrol, Narco & Bomb Detection K-9s, the Fire Department, L.A. Lifeguards,

### Holiday Hoopla

Yes, it's that time again. The holidays are here. The opportunity to spend time with family and friends you don't get to see that often, or don't want to see that often. Ha! During your time of celebration, we ask that you remember those people who are less fortunate than us. Whether you give a homeless person a blanket, a battered women's shelter some clothes, your favorite charity a donation, Toys for Tots a stuffed teddy bear, Red Cross your time, or someone in need a prayer—it could change a life. So have a very merry Christmas, a happy Hanukkah, and a safe and scandalous free new millennium celebration! DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE! Pacific Area is an official TOYS FOR TOTS drop-off location, accepting gifts from now through December 20th.

### Halloween Haunt

Pacific Area Community Relations Office hosted their 6th annual "D.A.P.S. Halloween Haunt" here at the station on Halloween night. The purpose of this event is to provide a safe environment for the children and their families during Halloween festivities. With props from the Sony Pictures Studios, design and preparations were directed by D.A.P.S. YSO **Michelle Eskridge** and CRO **Rayney Arnold**. This year was the most successful ever, with almost 1,000 children from the surrounding neighborhoods venturing into the three haunted chambers house. Though there was a huge turnout, there was still plenty of candy to go around, thanks to several different local supermarkets who donated the treats. The event was so successful, at one point they had to stop everything so the D.A.P.S. could drink some water and rest their "haunting" voices. The parents were very supportive of the event and expressed their gratitude for the safe Halloween haven.

### Pressing Performance

The Department recently held a bench press competition at the Elysian Park Academy. Sgt. **Mary Kite**, Officer **Deryl Jackson**, and Officer **Helen Jaramillo** all received medals in their respective categories, with Pacific Area taking 2nd place overall in the event. Congratulations to all participants for taking part in the event and promoting physical fitness within the department.

### Clown No Longer Laughing

On October 27, 1999, Officers **Luis Navarette** and **Greg Andrachick** received a radio call of a "211 in progress" at the Burger King on Sepulveda, south of Palms. The suspects *kidnapped* the employees, placing them in the freezer inside the location before fleeing. The officers just happened to be at the same intersection when the call came out and im-



Little Matthew Lucas sits in awe as WTD Reserve Officer Joe Morris shows him the lights and siren on the awesome police motorcycle.

mediately observed one of the suspects, wearing a clown mask, walking through the parking lot. The suspect saw the officers and ran east on Palms. The officers put out a broadcast and went in foot pursuit. The officers soon lost sight of the suspect, but established a quick perimeter with the help of several units. The air unit was soon on-scene, with a K-9 on the way. Within minutes of the K-9's response, one suspect was apprehended. In addition, the clown mask, a fully-loaded MAC-10 semi-automatic weapon, gloves, and \$1,261.50 currency were all recovered next to the suspect's location. The other suspect is still outstanding. It is believed that these suspects may be responsible for multiple robberies in and around the Los Angeles area, and later determined that this was a third strike for this "clown." Just another example of officers doing an outstanding job and working together to make our communities a safer place to live!

### Movin' In

We welcome the following people to Pacific Area: Det. **Liddy** in from DEV, Sgt. **Wade** over from VNY, D-2 **Simmons** in from ND, Det. **Deming** over from 77th, Det. **Fanning** in from SW, Officer **Mathias** in from TRD, Officer **Fuller** (to LAX) from ASD, and in from TRNG, Res. Officer **Kennedy** and P-1s **Chrisman** and **Doreus**.

### Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people: Sgt. **Mulvihill** left us for COMM, Det. **Barr** went to SE, Officer **Owens** went to USD, Officer **Kelley** went to CENT, Officers **Leiss**, **Mora** and **Ward** went to SE, and **Cho** and **Ramirez** went to SW.

### Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to D-2 **Morgan**, who was recently promoted within the Division!

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# SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext 800.

## LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow

### Wanna Take a Flying Leap?

Attention all you thrill seekers out there—tired or bored with living on the edge? Well then maybe it's time to take a flying leap—literally! George Olsey (Northeast PM Watch) is looking for LAPD officers interested in starting an LAPD Skydiving Club, then eventually a Skydiving Team. If interested, contact Olsey via LAPD E-mail or by pager (661-286-9099) for more information.

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### Has it Really Been That Long?

Next month's issue will mark the 10th anniversary of the Sports Beat Section's initial appearance in *The Thin Blue Line*. The thought of including a monthly column covering LAPD sports was the brainchild of legendary cross-country runner Chuck Foote, who at the time was LAPRAAC Operations Officer. Foote approached yours truly with the concept way back in 1984, just after the Commemorative Book had been published. Unfortunately, it took another five years for all the parties (including LAPRAAC and the Protective League) to bring the idea to fruition.

From that thought of a monthly article has evolved a true sports section, covering everything from football to slo-pitch, basketball to pistol, and bench press to ice hockey. We'll have additional history and a few more juicy tidbits in next month's issue.

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### Basketball Season Fast Approaching

At our deadline for this issue a near-record 37 teams have signed up for 1999-2000 LAPD Intra-Departmental Basketball league play. All will be looking at dethroning DARE, the reigning department champion. Planning to field teams are Central (2), DARE (2), Devonshire, Foothill (2), Harbor, Hollenbeck, Hollywood (2), Internal Affairs, Metro (2), Narcotics, Newton, North Hollywood, Northeast, Rampart (2), 77th Street, South Bureau CRASH, South Traffic, Southeast (3), Southeast Narcotics, Pacific, Southwest (2), Training, Transit (2), Van Nuys, West L.A., West Traffic, West Valley and Wilshire. Play will culminate with the Captain Al Nelson Tournament in late February. For more information, contact the Athletic Secretary Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

### Happy Holidays

On behalf of everyone on the Sports Beat staff at the Protective League and the Revolver Club, our best wishes for a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and New Year's Day.

We're not one of those who believe the millennium ends at the end of this year, but for excitement's sake, what the heck—Happy New Millennium!

## Will You be Ready for the First California Police & Fire Games?

Some of the state's best-trained athletes test their skills beyond the confines of the track, or the course, or the pool. They are the police officers who push their bodies to the limit every day, saving lives and serving others.

Will you be fit, will you be fast, and will you be ready to be a part of history? Are you tough enough to go "toe to toe" in a boxing match; or run, swim and bike in a triathlon; or match shooting skills with some of the best in California; or roller blade your way to victory in a tense struggle for "the gold"?

With 65 sports from which to choose you can test your speed, skills, or strength, or simply participate in one of the largest multi-sports events in the world: the first California Police and Fire Games, coming June 25-July in San Bernardino.

That's right, Police and Fire Games... firefighters are now competing in the games. They have some pretty good shooters and some exceptional athletes, and many have been waiting for years to be able to test their speed, skills and strength in sports not offered by the Fire-Fighter Games. The Year 2000 Games is their chance to challenge themselves, challenge their peers, and challenge us in one of the biggest athletic events ever.

There will be the traditional sports such as swimming, track and field, and archery. There will also be specialized sports such as the TCA (Toughest Cop

Alive), Police Service Dogs, and the exciting and highly acclaimed "Mud Run."

Events will be held in facilities throughout the County. Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) will host track and field, decathlon/heptathlon, and cross country; with cycling events at the California Speedway. The new, state-of-the-art Ontario Convention Center will feature bench pressing, boxing, karate, push/pull lifting, table tennis, tug-of-war and wrestling . . . all within walking distance of 2,500 hotel rooms. Softball will be held at a new "big league" complex in Mira Loma and golfers will enjoy the fine courses at Empire Lakes, Los Serranos and Shandon Hills.

The first California Police and Fire Games is your chance to forge new friendships, reacquaint with long-time friends, share and exchange ideas with fellow officers and firefighters from throughout the state. For more information, contact:

**California Police Athletic Foundation**, 8304 Claremont Mesa Blvd., #107, San Diego, CA 92111; Phone: (619) 571-9919; Fax: (619) 571-1641; E-mail: 4info@cpaf.org; Web: www.cpaf.org.

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## LOS ANGELES POLICE GOLF ASSOCIATION

### Attention: Active and Retired LAPD Golfers

The Los Angeles Police Golf Association (LAPGA) is seeking new members to join us at our bi-monthly golf tournaments, which are held on alternate Thursdays. The majority of the tournaments are scheduled at various golf courses in the San Gabriel Valley, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.



### For more information, please contact:

Chuck Loutz, 562-862-1260, or  
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## SPORTS BEAT

### Power Pigs (Who Else?) End Century with 8th Straight Bench Press Win

by Lew Snow,  
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

What can be written that hasn't already been written at least three or four times? They came . . . they saw . . . they conquered . . . they went home.

77th Street's Power Pigs . . . that pesky pack of predatory porcine pressers . . . left no doubt they are the LAPD team of the century by dominating the Fall Bench Press Competition, held October 29 at the Elysian Park Academy.

So many lifters from 77th Street attended the meet (69 to be exact) that Day Watch was forced to place blow-up rubber dummies in patrol cars to give the impression someone was left to patrol the division. The Power Pigs, divided into two squads, accumulated 265 points to almost double the score of second place finisher Pacific. Coming in third was the other group of Power Pigs with 86 points.

October's win was not only the eighth straight for 77th Street, it was also marked victories Coach Paul Von

Lutzow's teams in 13 of the last 14 competitions (the other five won while serving at Rampart).

"I'd like to think everyone came out because we dedicated our performance to one of our team members, Charlie Howard, who's been out ill," said Von Lutzow. "I think our success is related to our philosophy. We tell everyone just to go out and have a good time. Something that's unique about Bench Press contests: no one snickers at someone who lifts only 50 or 60 pounds. No matter what team you're on, everyone is very supportive."

Setting new marks were Power Pig Morris Batts (by 100 lbs.) in the age 40-49, 275-1/2 lb. category; Devonshire's Joe Curreri in the age 50-59, 132-1/4 lb. group; Southwest's Jennifer Grasso in the age 20-29, 123-1/2 lb. rank; and Pacific's Hilda Kendrick (by 80 lbs.) in the age 40-49, 181-3/4 lb. division.

Records were tied by 77th's Lee Sands in the age 30-39, 132-1/4 lb. group; Personnel's Sam Collela in the age 60+, 198-1/4 lb. category; Power Pig Char-



photos courtesy of Lew Snow

242-1/2 to 275-1/4 lb.  
1 Enrique Robledo (77th) 325 lbs.  
2 Cesar Guitron (77th) 300 lbs.

#### MEN AGE 30-39

Under 123-1/2 lb.

1 Thomas O'Grady (Rpt) 100 lbs.  
132-1/4 to 148-1/2 lb.

1 Lee Sands (77th) 265 lbs.

2 Georgia Olney (NE) 250 lbs.  
148-1/2 to 165-1/4 lb.

1 Art Tom (Dev) 300 lbs.

2 Robert Arroyo (77th) 300 lbs.  
165-1/4 to 181-3/4 lb.

1 Dennis Mesa (WVal) 330 lbs.

2 Kyle Pemolino (77th) 315 lbs.  
181-3/4 to 198-1/4 lb.

1 Robert Brown (Rpt) 370 lbs.

2 David Benloff (CTD) 355 lbs.  
198-1/4 to 220-1/4 lb.

1 Kenneth Crawford (Dev) 450 lbs.

2 Mark Allen (NE) 425 lbs.  
220-1/4 to 242-1/2 lb.

1 Todd Waymire (TBD) 420 lbs.

2 Michael O'Shea (WVal) 425 lbs.  
242-1/2 to 275-1/4 lb.

1 Joseph Terena (Pac) 340 lbs.

2 David Morales (77th) 325 lbs.  
Over 275-1/4 lb.

1 Carlos Valdez (77th) 300 lbs.

#### MEN AGE 40-49

123-1/2 to 132-1/4 lb.

1 James Stepan (Fthl) 120 lbs.

132-1/4 to 148-1/2 lb.

1 Roger Gaylord (77th) 125 lbs.

148-1/2 to 165-1/4 lb.

1 Michael Ozaki (WVal) 295 lbs.

2 Bruce Vermaat (TBD) 255 lbs.  
165-1/4 to 181-3/4 lb.

1 John DelVecchio (Dev) 290 lbs.

2 John Egan (Dev) 215 lbs.  
181-3/4 to 198-1/4 lb.

1 Sam Arase (Pers) 380 lbs.

2 Todd Campo (77th) 365 lbs.  
198-1/4 to 220-1/4 lb.

1 Brian Miyakawa (Rpt) 380 lbs.

2 George Otto (TBD) 300 lbs.  
220-1/4 to 242-1/2 lb.

1 Julian Almaraz (Fthl) 380 lbs.

2 Bob Bermudez (77th) 340 lbs.  
Over 275-1/4 lb.

1 Morris Batts (77th) 410 lbs.

2 Ronald Cade (Pac) 250 lbs.

#### MEN AGE 50-59

132-1/4 to 148-1/2 lb.

1 Joseph Curreri (Dev) 230 lbs.

2 Dean DiPaola (VN) 175 lbs.  
148-1/2 to 165-1/4 lb.

1 Marty Chalupa (Fthl) 125 lbs.

165-1/4 to 181-3/4 lb.

1 Michael Marco (77th) 160 lbs.  
181-3/4 to 198-1/4 lb.

1 Paul Von Lutzow (77th) 290 lbs.

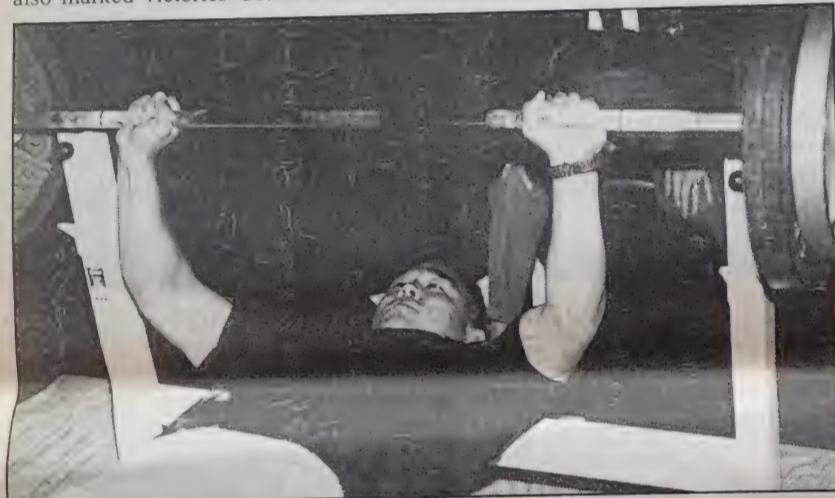
2 Robert Lequin (Dev) 260 lbs.  
198-1/4 to 220-1/4 lb.

1 Mike Major (Fthl) 240 lbs.

2 Andrew Monsue (Wil) 240 lbs.  
220-1/4 to 242-1/2 lb.

1 Reg Weaver (Ret) 370 lbs.  
242-1/2 to 275-1/4 lb.

1 Gary Thomas (SE) 430 lbs.



Last one of the Century Lifters at the Fall Bench Press Contest celebrated the end of the millennium by participating in one of the most popular athletic events on the LAPD schedule.

### Intra-Department Bench Press Records

#### MEN

CLASS	AGE20-29	AGE30-39	AGE40-49	AGE50-59	AGE60+
Under 123-1/2	Tran Khoa 150#	Tony Cabunoc 145#	Ron Hodges 230#	JOE CURRERI 230#	
123-1/2 to 132-1/4	Kenneth Aragon 245#	Gary Koba 220#	Nelson Fong 295#		
132-1/4 to 148-1/2	Joe Johnson 320#	LEE SANDS 295#	Herbert Chang 260#		
148-1/2 to 165-1/4	Kerry Anderson 330#	Kerry Anderson 350#	Ken Montague 325#	Mark Conta 260#	
165-1/4 to 181-3/4	Andre Louis 385#	Andre Louis 395#	Lou Leiker 320#	Tom Vigen 365#	SAM COLELLA 265#
198-1/4 to 220-1/4	Tony Ramirez 475#	Greg Davidson 385#	Brian Miyakawa 400#	James Williamson 315#	SAM COLELLA 270#
220-1/4 to 242-1/2	Sam Stiller 445#	Tony Ramirez 450#	Gary Romo 420#	Reggie Weaver 385#	
242-1/2 to 275-1/2	Ed Huston 470#	Barry Brooks 450#	Reggie Weaver 425#	Gary Thomas 440#	Rex Shields 330#
Over 275-1/2	Bryan Hand 415#	John Valdez 420#	MORRIS BATT 410#		

#### WOMEN

CLASS	AGE20-29	AGE30-39	AGE40-49	AGE50+
Under 97 lbs.		Celia Komathy 85#		
97 to 105-3/4	Kristin Kolenda 100#	Kristin Kolenda 95#		
105-3/4 to 114-1/2	Victoria Lim 95#	TERESA EVANS 95#		
14-1/2 to 123-1/2	Nicole Brennan 95#	SANDY KIM 95#		
123-1/2 to 132-1/4	Jennifer Grasso 135#	JILL REINHOLD 145#	Lynda Malarazzo 110#	
132-1/4 to 148-1/2	JENNIFER GRASSO 155#	Susan Drillas 155#	Dawn Crowley 135#	
148-1/2 to 165-1/4	Cassandra Britt-Nickerson 170#	Lisa Wernli 185#	Teresa Akune 170#	
165-1/4 to 181-3/4	Melissa New 190#	Martha Moran 175#	JAMI REED 160#	CHARLOTTE SMITH 85#
181-3/4 to 198-1/4	Shannon Paulson 145#	Sharon Biggs 160#	Yvonne Parker 110#	Lynn Hunter 75#
198-1/4 to 220-1/4	Erika Spence 140#	Dena Kendrick 135#	HILDA KENDRICK 185#	
220-1/4 to 242-1/2		Andrea Grossman 110#	Gloria Vargas 105#	
			Debbie Gourman 90#	Brenda Gordon 145#

(Record set or tied at the October competition indicated in bold caps.)

## THE TEN RING

by Rick Bennett

Another pistol season has come and gone. It was a very successful year. Our major highlights include:

- World Police Shooting Championship (four-person team)
- National Police Shooting Championship (four-person team)
- California Police Summer Games gold and silver team victories
- California Police Pistol Association State Match Champions
- Both LAPD four-member teams ranked in California's Top Ten
- Six members in the California Governor's Twenty and one in the Top Fifty

(Editor's note: A typographical error resulted in an incorrect list of the 1997 LAPD National Pistol Team members. For the record they were Bob Barnes, Steve Estrada, John Pride, Roger Rampton.)

(Bennett, Salseda, Tsunawaki, Barnes, Goldberg, and Emrich)

I'd also like to take a moment to thank all of the team members for all of their hard work this year: Bob Barnes, Stefanie Diaz, Steve Emrich, Neil Goldberg, Tom Mace, Lou Salseda, Don Tsunawaki, Lisa Wernli (and yours truly).

It's time to clean the guns or buy new ones. If you are interested in joining the Pistol Team, give me a call at Davis Training Facility, (818) 832-3752.

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## FLAG FOOTBALL STANDINGS

(Through Games of October 31)

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Hollywood	5	1	.833	--
Southwest	5	1	.833	--
Foothill	4	1	.800	1/2
77th Street	5	2	.714	1/2
Harbor	2	2	.500	2
Rampart	3	3	.500	2
Metro	2	4	.333	3
Devonshire	1	5	.167	4
Newton	1	5	.167	4



Play will culminate in December with an LAPD Championship Tournament. Call the Sport Beat WINS Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800 for date and location.

## West Traffic Wins Golf Tourney

Proving as good on the links as they are on motorcycles, West Traffic Division's golfers carded a net of 301 to win the 5th in a series of LAPRAAC Golf Tournaments, held October 8 at the Simi Hills Country Club. Devonshire provided the best individual duffers of the day: James Antenucci's 65 took home honors low net while Chad Butler's 78 was the low gross.

While it could be called a win by default (no other four-person team competed), a win is a win. In the five tournaments to date, Northeast has won three while Devonshire and West Traffic have won one each.

We'll have results of the December tournament in our next issue. For more information on participating in the bi-monthly golf series, contact Sal Jaramillo, WTD, at (310) 342-3177 or Perry Barnes, NE, at (213) 485-2563.

### Results of October Golf Tournament

**First Place Team** - West Traffic (Sal Jaramillo, Mike Marsolek, Peter Sanchez, Chris Smyth).

**Low Gross** - Chad Butler (Dev) 78, Erik Solter (Dev) 82, Kerri Brown (HWD) 84.

**Low Net** - James Antenucci (Dev) 67, Sal Jaramillo (WTD) 68, Kerri Brown (Hwd) and Estevan Estrada (SE) 71.

### Handicap Golfers:

NAME	GROSS	HNDCP	NET	/+ PAR
James Antenucci (Dev)	81	14	67	-4
Sal Jaramillo (WTD)	87	19	68	-3
Kerri Brown (Hwd)	84	13	71	-
Estevan Estrada (SE)	91	20	71	-
Erik Solter (Dev)	82	7	75	+4
Damian Gutierrez (Dev)	89	14	75	+4
Floyd Toledo (Hwd)	101	26	75	+4
Chad Butler (Dev)	78	2	76	+5
Chris Smythe (WTD)	99	23	76	+5
Mike Marsolek (WTD)	106	29	77	+6
Randy Fontyn (CTD)	91	12	79	+8
George Miyamoto (CTD)	97	18	79	+8
Peter Sanchez (WTD)	104	24	80	+9
Stephanie Krajcir (SE)	105	25	80	+9
Tom Hatter (CTD)	108	27	81	+10
Michael Klein (Dev)	107	19	88	+17

**Other Participants** (net scores): Kenny Korne (NE) 85, Ernie Fisher (Dev) 87, Gabe Rodriguez (NE) 91, Mike Binford (Hwd) 93, Dan Armand (Hwd) 98, Tony Adler (Trg) 99, Darren Costi (Dev) 100, Larry Moore (Ret) 110, Pravind Walia (Dev) 113.

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## SPORTS BEAT

### Power Pig Results

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#### MEN AGE 60+

- 198-1/4 to 220-1/4 lb.
- 1. Sam Colella (Ret) 270 lbs,
- 2. D. C. Webb (77th) 110 lbs
- 242-1/2 to 275-1/4 lb.
- 1. Rex Shields (Ret) 135 lbs

#### WOMEN AGE 20-29

97 to 105-3/4 lb.

- 1. Gail Bury (77th) 85 lbs,



2. Andriana De Los Santo (77th) 60 lbs

105-3/4 to 114-1/2 lb.

- 1. Sheila Rizzolo (77th) 90 lbs,
- 2. Stephanie Carson (Dev) 85 lbs
- 114-1/2 to 123-1/2 lb.
- 1. Sharlene Johnson (77th) 75 lbs
- 123-1/2 to 132-1/4 lb.
- 1. Jennifer Grasso (SW) 155 lbs

114-1/2 to 123-1/2 lb.

- 1. Jill Reinhold (Pac) 140 lbs,
- 2. Guadalupe Alaniz (TBD) 120 lbs

123-1/2 to 132-1/4 lb.

- 1. April Harding (SW) 135 lbs,
- 2. Alison Tibett (VN) 120 lbs

132-1/4 to 148-1/2 lb.

- 1. Lisa Wernli (77th) 180 lbs,
- 2. Julie Peat (77th) 140 lbs

148-1/2 to 165-1/4 lb.

- 1. Melody Hainline (Pac) 145 lbs,
- 2. Stephanie Lazarus (Dev) 125 lbs

165-1/4 to 181-3/4 lb.

1. Jane Russom (77th) 135 lbs,

- 2. Renee Minnick (77th) 105 lbs

#### WOMEN AGE 40-49

148-1/2 to 165-1/4 lb.

- 1. Cynthia Barlow (77th) 95 lbs

181-3/4 to 198-1/4 lb.

- 1. Hilda Kendrick (Pac) 185 lbs,



2. Helen Jaramillo (Pac) 120 lbs

132-1/4 to 148-1/2 lb.

- 1. Christine Maraio (Rpt) 145 lbs,
- 2. Marla Kiley (77th) 130 lbs
- 148-1/2 to 165-1/4 lb.
- 1. Sophia Castaneda (77th) 95 lbs
- 165-1/4 to 181-3/4 lb.
- 1. Patricia Braendle (Pac) 140 lbs,
- 2. Maggie Sherman (TBD) 135 lbs

#### WOMEN AGE 30-39

97 to 105-3/4 lb.

- 1. Teresa Evans (Pac) 95 lbs
- 105-3/4 to 114-1/2 lb.
- 1. Sandy Kim (STD) 95 lbs

2. Gloria Vargas (77th) 105 lbs

198-1/4 to 220-1/4 lb.

- 1. Maria Marquez (77th) 70 lbs

#### WOMEN AGE 50-59

148-1/2 to 165-1/4 lb.

- 1. Charlotte Smith (77th) 85 lbs

165-1/4 to 181-3/4 lb.

- 1. Lynn Hunter (Pac) 50 lbs

#### TEAM RESULTS

77th St. - 265 pts,

Pacific - 135 pts,

77th #2 - 86 pts,

Devonshire - 83 pts,

Rampart - 79 pts.

## Action Shooting Team Wins 3rd Straight World Championship

by Russ Freeman

For the third consecutive year the LAPRAAC Action Shooting Team has won the SOF 3-Gun Tactical Match World Championship. The 20th annual event, held this year in Las Vegas, featured both team and individual competition.

There are eight stages of individual fire that test the shooter's ability to accurately engage steel and paper targets (both stationary and moving) which are often surrounded by designated no-shoot bystander or hostage targets. Shooters transition between pistol, rifle and shotgun to complete the stages of fire. The competition further challenges the shooter's ability to seek and use cover, to draw from the holster, to rapidly assume various positions, to shoot on the move, to shoot over, under and around barricades or through portholes, to perform in and out of battery speed reloads, tactical

reloads, weapon transition drills, loading and chambering, select slug drills and even loading an empty magazine.

In addition to the individual competition there is a four-man team event that also requires the use of verbal communication and visual signals as well as the formulation of a tactical plan. It was here that the squad, consisting of Chris Christensen, Tony Huerstel, Bill Parmelee and Dave Wheeler, once again demonstrated their superior marksmanship, weapon manipulation skills and teamwork to three-peal as team champions.

Huerstel and Parmelee also distinguished themselves by placing in the prize-winning top 30 (out of 130 law enforcement and 230 total competitors). Also competing for LAPD were Bill Casey, Bob Cottle, Neil Coward, Nelson Fong, Russ Freeman, James King, Gary Kobe, Lee McMillion, Ignacio Mendez, Brett Papworth, Ken Pickard and Marcos Rubio.

## LAPD Motocross Team

by Rich Swisher, ATD

The ink is dry and the LAPD Motocross team has a new home! Rob Cosner of CTD quite possibly landed the deal of the century for the LAPD MX Team when he took an incredibly optimistic ride down to the world's finest, high tech, MX race equipment factory in the world: "Flying Machine Factory." Rob gave them the scoop on us, and Brody Walters of FMF gave Rob the nod! We knew we were making some great headway with our racing, and community outreach, and several other projects

released from the Factory Kawasaki team following mediocre results and trouble in his personal life. FMF recognized this as an opportunity to give Emig a competitive bike as well as a kind hand when his chips were down and doors were closing all around him. They signed Emig right away and he has since won the U.S. Open of Supercross' \$100,000 purse and tore up the European Supercross scene topping six-time U.S. Supercross champ Jeremy McGrath and multi-time FIM World MX champ Stefan Everts. Over the years FMF has built a reputation of excellence in high performance research and de-



we have in the works, but having a sponsorship deal with FMF launches us from rag-tag to riches overnight. For those of you new to the sport of MX, FMF is a local company that builds high performance after-market products, and does radical finish work on engines for many top pro MX racers. FMF is world renowned for their exhaust pipes, silencers, suspension and engine modifications primarily due to the big factories like Honda relying on them to equip their top professional racers with the best stuff money can buy.

Recently former AMA Outdoor Motocross national champion Jeff Emig was

development and has showcased it in the world's biggest races. But what makes them the best is that they haven't forgotten the entry level guy that loves to ride and just has to go faster than the dude in front of him.

Now for all of you intramural, coach shorts wearing, chase the bouncing ball types, the MX team would like to invite you out to ride with us on Thursday, January 27th at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino. It is a team practice day, and a day that you can try the sport out for yourself. So put this day in red! See you at the track. For more information, contact anybody on the MX team.

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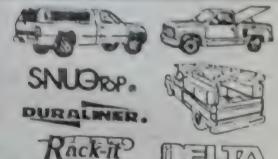
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# RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

The fall luncheon and meeting of the Inland Blue Line went over with everyone enjoying themselves, just visiting with old partners and friends. But best of all was the fabulous presentation put on by our own LAPD credit union. **Stephen Endaya** had to cancel out, because some very important meeting came up at the last minute, but he sent two wonderful speakers who put on a very interesting and very informative presentation. We want to thank Kathy Graham (VP of Marketing) and Hanny Swart. They brought along some very interesting slides and both being very knowledgeable on this Y2K situation, I'm sure they put many minds at ease. I think I'll leave my \$750,001 in the credit union rather than draw it all out, which I had intended to do, and bury it in cans in my backyard. I was ready. I have been saving coffee and hominy cans for a year. Had them all painted and map all drawn where each was going to be buried. Now I have to figure out what to do with 94 gallon-cans. They informed us that they have the Y2K situation in hand and our money is going to be safe. They were so convincing that they made a believer out of me. Thanks again, Kathy and Hanny. You are welcome to come back to visit us any time. And a special note to Stephen Endaya—"Give them a raise."

We had another guest from our local police department, Sgt. **Fred Rodriguez**, San Jacinto PD. Fred is one of the many officers who left the LAPD for greener pastures. Fred worked L.A. for a few years before getting tired of the rat race and sought out a smaller PD. Fred is spearheading a project where he recruits volunteers of ex-police officers to go to various schools in the area and give talks to the children. His project has been very successful and has caused young children to again respect the police. We need that. (They don't teach how to work up eating spots.)

Had one Blue Line member who came all the way down from Vallejo—**Robert Tucker**, and an ex-Motor Officer and an

old partner of mine. Bob hasn't changed that much. You would recognize him anywhere. Bob will never stop working. Now he owns a new business. He earns LAPD memorabilia and ships stuff all over. If you want some good collectible of LAPD, contact Bob. He is in the retirement book. He'll mail you a catalog.

Had two new visitors who signed up for the Inland Blue Line—**Harworth H. Brown** of Wildemar, and **John J. Kellinski** of Escondido. Welcome to the club guys.

There were a lot of members on vacation this fall. Only had 128 in attendance. That's about 40 to 50 short of the usual attendance. Oh well, wait until next January. They will fill the room.

**Jerry Moe** was at the fall meeting and I discussed Proton Beam, a new prostate cancer machine that Loma Linda Hospital has purchased. It is very expensive but thank God Blue Cross covers it. Kaiser doesn't. Well, Jerry called me yesterday and informed me he was just diagnosed with prostate cancer. He said thank goodness he found out about Proton Beam. He contacted Loma Linda and he told me it is a good chance that he will pass as a candidate for the Proton Beam. Good luck, Jerry. We will be praying for you. Jim Carter had it and he is doing great. Feel good. His wife says he has so much energy now she can't outrun Jim. I don't know if she meant that was good or bad. Ahem!

**Lyle Strand** was down from his new home in Washington state. Bought him a new rocking chair. Now he can set on his veranda and watch the boats go by on the lake. Pretty soft.

Well, I guess we won't see any of you until the next century. The next meeting and luncheon for the Inland Blue Line will be January 12th (Wednesday). Hope we are all around. I hear Congress is doing away with two more holidays starting in the year 2000. Hillary is leaving the White House and taking her broom with her, and oh yes she is taking that turkey with her also. No more Halloween or Thanksgiving. Oh well. We'll survive. We have before.

## Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on December 15, 1999, at "The LAMP-LIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. There is no set start time so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 A.M. We meet in the room adjacent to the BAR LOUNGE. A special lunch menu is available.

We had 31 at the October 20, 1999, luncheon. The attendees were **John Becker** (5059), **Floyd Couch** (2862), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Gene Dillon** (3411), **Emmet Drennen** (3279), **Hilliard** (curly) **Elliott** (4534), **Ray Elmer** (5607), **Don Erath** (5244), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Fedderson** (4823), **Mel Harner** (4501), **John Kepke** (4603), **Matthew Klein** (24736), **Bud** (6680) and **Bobbie Long**, **Don Lyon** (6575), **Bob May** (3747), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Paul Nicholas** (4047), **Les Nolte** (10821), **Jake Orbus** (5407), **Ray Palaszewski** (6934), **Dick Reames** (7954), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Cliff Shannon** (2370), **Phillip Siegel** (6618), **Stu Stremsterfer** (4394), **Norm Sulflow** (6902), **Willard Vausbinder** (6119), **Clark Wardle** (7584), and **Earl Wells** (6297). Matthew Klein and Willard Vausbinder were first time attendees. Phillip Siegel brought copies of personnel that opened the North Hollywood Division in 1985.

We lost another of our regular attendees, **Joyce Reineke** passed away October 14, 1999. **Glen Kailey** had Angioplasty on October 19 and is at home recuperating. **Henry Acosta** is recovering from colon surgery.

We had great weather for the annual BBQ at Dale Rickard's Ranch in Malibu, Sunday October 24. A great time was had visiting and looking at all of the old western farm and ranch equipment. There were 66 who enjoyed the barbecued tri-

tip beef and chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Those attending were **Gene and Doris Allensworth**, **Joy and Debbie Ayers**, **Robert and Dorothea Ballou** from Cambria, **Walter (Barney) Boronich**, **Bob and Adeline Bruggerman** from LaVerkin, Utah, **Tony and Rosalie Cera**, **Les Coil**, **Ted Debs**, **Emmett and Jane Drennen**, **Gene Dillon**, **Ed Elliott**, **Ed Elliott II**, **Hilliard (Curly) Elliott**, **Clinton Erickson**, **John and Lois Evans** from Bishop, **Bill Fedderson**, **Bob Fritz** from Pearblossom, **Bob Gibson** from Valyermo, **John, Blanche, Michael, Kevin, and Wendy Grogan**, **Fred, Marilyn, and Pam Hall**, **Mel Harner**, **Carl Begge**, **Ross Hicks**, **Emil Iwansky**, **Mike Jaueregui**, **John Kepke**, **Matthew Klein**, **Royal and Betty MacGregor**, **William and Lorraine Maier**, **Jim Maloney**, **Boris Meneghelli**, **Ray Palaszewski**, **Milton Porterfield**, **Gene Radomski**, **Dale and Dee Rickards**, **Elmer (JR) Schillar**, **Cliff Shannon**, **Forrest and Fran Sloan**, **Dustin and Helga Splain**, **Stu Stremsterfer**, **Norm and Mary Sulflow**, **Jim and Christina Trax**, **Gene and Martha Wallis**, **Clark Wardle** and **Marion Yates**. **Duane** and **Patricia Lloyd** had planned to attend but family illness prevented them from coming from Escondido. There were only three others planning to attend but did not attend. Some came from quite a distance to attend and the rest of us were from the greater Los Angeles Area.

I am still looking for the people with e-mail addresses who have attended the BBQ or The Lamplighter's. Send me a short note at my address, [clintsr@pacbell.net](mailto:clintsr@pacbell.net), so I may include you in my address book. If you need any information about meetings (always the 3rd Wednesday of each month) contact me (Erickson) at (818) 340-2430.



## Retirement Corner

December, 1999

Rank/Name/Serial No./Last Assigned To .....	#Years
P-III Louis R. Lozano, Jr. 13929 Northeast .....	31
D-III John R. Mattingly 14720 DSD .....	30
D-II Laurence "Larry" Martinez 15710 Hollenbeck .....	29
D-III Gary M. Gruebel 15767 Northeast .....	29
LT-II William B. Ward 16160 DHD .....	29
SGT-I Roland B. Andrade 16167 Northeast .....	28
P-III Michael Klee 16437 Northeast .....	29
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SGT-I+2 Thomas C. Hatter 16798 CTD .....	28
LT-II Barry L. Morrison 17521 TRD .....	28
P-III Gary W. Feauto 17822 Northeast .....	27
P-III Jim Amormino 20254 Public Affairs .....	26
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## 40th Reunion Notice — Class of 2/8/60

Attention all members of Academy Class, February 8, 1960.

The Class of 2/8/60 will be having a reunion dinner on the exact 40-year date, i.e., 2/8/2000, at the Academy in our old classroom. If your address is not correct or in the LARF&PA roster for 1999-2000 please contact me (if you have not done so), Cliff Hodge at (818) 706-0842 or E-mail [Cliff7649@aol.com](mailto:Cliff7649@aol.com). If you E-mail include phone number and address. A letter will be soon forthcoming with details. Till then set aside the date and plan to meet with those of us who are left ...

Cliff Hodge . . . Class DI.

## RETIREMENT NEWS

### Retired LAPD Officers Form Central Arizona Blue Line Association

by J. P. Nelson (Ret.)

A lively mixture of 47 retired LAPD officers and their wives gathered for lunch in Phoenix on Saturday, October 9, 1999. The meeting brought together, for

Communications Division. As he told it, he sat on the floor in the basement of City Hall with five other officers surrounded by more than 100 telephones.

A formal business meeting followed lunch and the subject of forming an official LAPD retired association was dis-



the first time, the many retired LAPD living in the greater Phoenix area. The meeting was held at the original Garcia's Mexican restaurant on 35th Street near central Phoenix.

More than 78 letters were sent to the retired "Blue Liners" listed in the Los Angeles Retired Police & Fire Association roster. The response was lively and enthusiastic, with lots of interest expressed in the meeting, and a lot of apolo-

cussed. There was overwhelming interest in forming the new Central Arizona Blue Line Association. CABLA becomes the second such group in Arizona, following the group in Prescott. It was decided to meet quarterly at Garcia's since everyone enjoyed the very large, delicious lunch, and the excellent margaritas.

The election of officers followed the establishment of CABLA. **J. P. Nelson** (who coordinated this first meeting) was



gies for having previous plans. **Baron Laetzsch**, **Don Leahan** and **Dick Cady** drove all the way from Show Low and Snow Flake (both are high in the White Mountains) when they learned of the meeting.

The highlight of the luncheon was to some funny stories from around the room and hearing the senior retirees tell of their

elected as the president. **Jim Sanford** is the vice-president, **Grace and Howard Barnes** are the co-secretaries, and **Ron Hardeman** is the new treasurer. A membership fee of \$20 a year was established to cover the cost of name badges and mailings. Widows of retired officers will be honorary members with no membership fees.



early experiences. The oldest retiree, at 97 years, was Mr. **Leo Wilson** (#2240). He retired in 1953, after 27 years. He entertained everyone with the story of how he became a Los Angeles Police Officer after getting out of the Marine Corps. He also told of his experience working the first day in the new LAPD

The next CABLA meeting is set for January 15, 2000, at 11:30 A.M. All retirees and their spouses are encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to join the new Central Arizona Blue Line Association, or attend the January luncheon, should call Grace or Howard Barnes at (623) 583-7650.



Lt. Mike Schaffer, retired (center) with two Military Police Officers in Kosovo, August 1999.

### Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

#### A very, merry Christmas to you, from Old Blue.

Most everyone turned their clock back and showed up at the first practice meet for the April 15-16 Baker to Vegas race. Team Captain **Chuck McTaggart** led the way with a 44:46 10K. Major league surgery that Chuck had four months ago hasn't slowed him down any. However, we really don't want to see his operation scar. Also present were **Keith Allen**, **Bob Carter**, **Pat Dailey**, **Rudy DeLeon**, **Bob Espinoza**, **Jay Hernando**, **Mike Melancon** and his stepdaughter, **Bennah** (who turned in a nifty 54:04 10K), **Neil Parker** and our newest member, **Al Shearer**.

We're glad to have an experienced runner like Al on board. He was a member of some of the victorious LAPD relay teams of about 25 years ago that really did run cross country as in 2,200 miles from Los Angeles to the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal! Our team historian and a member of that team, **E1 Veterano Rudy DeLeon**, recalled that particular team held a spot in the Guinness Book for the longest relay race until a group of Australians hot-footed it across their own continent and became the new champs. And in case you're a "slick sleever" or have less than four or five hash marks, you may not recall that same LAPD team (with a few changes) also ran from Tijuana to Vancouver as well as from D.C. to L.A. Ho hum, just another day at the races, but do the math and on the logistics, support, sore boids, etc. and real quick the word TEAM takes on a new meaning.

Now where is **Lou McClary** when you really need him? In fact, a quarter century having gone by almost demands that it's about time to see who would like to . . . Nah, I better not say that out loud. Nope, it's nuts. It's ridiculous. It's crazy. Yeah, it's sure as heck is, but I betcha we could put together one fantastic, outstanding, unbelievable group of running maniacs . . . er, correction, athletes, and when all was said and done have had a lot of laughs in doing it. Think about it.

Congrats are also in order for Old Blue member **George Arnold** who was recently elected president of the Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association by their all volunteer Board of Directors. George is a can-do, gets things done, kind of guy who should be a real asset to all of us as we head into the new year.

Remember Roger Bannister? If you're not into track and field, you may not know that he was the first runner to break the four-minute mile barrier

about 45 years ago with a 3:59.4. Roger and others had been challenging the mark for a while and he finally broke it on May 6, 1954, in Oxford, England. Fame, indeed, was fleeting for 46 days later, on June 21, 1954, New Zealand speedster John Landy lowered the time to 3:58.0 and Roger did not ever beat it. In the four-and-a-half decades since, the record was lowered 18 times as various guys have chipped away at it deleting seconds here and there. The only American to lower the one-mile record was Jim Ryun and he did it twice. The first time was at Berkeley on July 17, 1966, when he gained the crown with a very respectable 3:51.3, dropping the time by 2.3 seconds. Eleven months later, Jim nailed his own record down a little tighter with a 3:51.1 at the Bakersfield Relays on June 23, 1967. But his win was so convincing that it wasn't till May 17, 1975, that Filbert Bayi of Tanzania de-trone Ryun, beating his record by one-tenth of a second with a 3:51.0. Talk about close, man-o-Manoschey!

Bayi, however, wasn't able to hang on and it changed ownership two more times until Britisher Sebastian Coe snagged it July 17, 1979. During the next 25 months the title changed hands five times with Coe's countryman, Steve Ovett, dueling him for the ownership at meets in Oslo, Zurich, Koblenz and Brussels. During the nine-day period beginning August 19, 1981, Sebastian and Steve swapped the title three times, barely reducing the record by 1.2 seconds. And so it went with close becoming closer. But as my old partner, **Ron Kiser** who was also a member of the famous 1975 LAPD team, has said, close only counts in horseshoes, hand grenades and slow dancing. (And again, Ron, a big 1999 THANX to you and Marilyn for another outstanding barbecue and all-around good time at your Sonoma ranch for the September SABLA meeting. Indeed, it was a classy, Kiser, copper caper!)

Anyhow, the Pride of Morocco, Mr. Hicham El Guerrouj took ownership of the title on July 7, 1999, by lowering the mark to 3:43.1. That's some pretty darn good running. And whether you credit it to training, vitamins, good genes, a long-legged mom who made you clean up all your veggies, or all of the above, he did it. The previous mark had stood for the past six years until Hicham lowered it 1.2 seconds. I hope we'll all be around to see some athlete shatter the 3:40 mile someday, and they will. The next practice meet is Sunday, 12/26/99, 8:00 a.m., rain or shine at Griffith Park. More info, call 949/455-1952.

## Coachella Valley Blue Line And Golf Club

by Ron and Elayne Gray

**Jeff Fedrizzi** and **Steve Kijula** hosted our first mixer of the season on Friday, October 15, at Sun Lakes Country Club in Banning. A gorgeous fall day greeted approximately 50 golfers at Sun Lakes where, they claim, it is always at least 10 degrees cooler than the Valley floor. Before we left for the day, some of us "desert rats" were actually *chilly*.

**Al Fried** introduced (as if they needed "introducing") first-timers **Jim Hardin** (retired 1988), **Jim LaDow** (1984), **Tim Dotson** (1999), **Hector Zepeda** (1998), **Chuck Livingston** (1996) and **Ken Bitterolf** (1989). The guest with the most years of retirement to his credit was **Jim Swiston** who has been retired since 1967!

After a great dinner of barbecued ribs with all the trimmings, prizes were awarded for: Longest Drive Ladies, **Charlene Reming**; Longest Drive Men, **Hector Zepeda**. Closest to the Pin awards went to **Bob McVey**, **Al Fried** and **Jim LaDow**. The tournament winners were: Third place, **Tim Dotson**, **Gene Boyle**, **Jim**

LaDow and Judie LaDow; Second Place, **Jim Hardin**, **Bob McVey**, and **Charleen Reming**; First Place, (of course) **Aaron Montaño**, **Lyn Montaño**, **Gordon Torres**, and **DeeAnn Carter**.

Ken Bitterolf got the "smash" hit of the day, but he left his phone number and promised to pay for it. Gee, Ken, if you had just waited one day, they would have blamed it on the earthquake. Would you believe that the window Ken broke belonged to Retired Police Officer **Ken Parker** who had worked with Ken's dad, **Al**, at Highland Park Division "a hundred years ago"?

Sandy Palmer was commended for the outstanding job she did on the new Membership Rosters. If you would like to be included, E-mail her at [cylblue@comcast.net](mailto:cylblue@comcast.net).

Our holiday party will be held at the Rancho Mirage home of **Clayton** and **Carolyn Mayes** on December 10th.

And then, late that night, after we all went home, Mother Nature kind of shrugged her shoulders and shook all our divots back in place.



## SABLA— Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

All of us at SABLA send you holiday greetings and salutations! We hope you have made your plans to celebrate the coming of the new millennium and that you can afford the celebration! Some of the more exotic places were a bit expensive, but you can't take it with you. Can you?

Our SABLA BBQ on September 25, 1999, at **Ron & Marilyn Kiser's** home and vineyard in Sonoma was as usual, a great success! If you weren't there, then you missed something special when it comes to gatherings of the LAPD. This year we had our own SABLA members, plus many exLAPDers, regular LAPDers, and several members from IPA Region #41. Hoy Key tells me a total of 122!

Some people you missed and probably wanted to see were **Bill & Barbara Heins**, who flew their own plane from Red Bluff into a nearby airport. **John & Fran Krasts**, formerly of Cool, CA, tell me they're building a home near Paso Robles. **Virginia & Al Pickering** drove up from L.A. to see y'all. Some of our "younger" members like **Mike &**

One couple that missed last year but returned this year was an "old" Academy classmate, **Jerry Boen**, and his wife, **Virginia**, from Ontario, CA. They've been there twice and each time I had to "borrow" a roll of 35mm film! Thanks you two! I owe you!

Also seen from Greagle, CA were **George & Harriet Conroy**. If you want to see beautiful country AND golf courses, visit the Greagle area. On your map, Plumas County N/W of Truckee! **Ron & Louise Baughman** were back again this year from Harrisburg, Oregon.

And one of our SABLA charter members who moved to SoCal, **Jack Horrall** and wife **Judy**, were there from Banning. Jack is working feverishly on a pension change for our surviving spouse, when you remarry after retirement. I didn't get a chance to talk to Jack, but there are some problems and \$\$\$ would help. Send to Jack at 5624 Riviera Ave., Banning, CA 92220-5342. Keep in touch, Jack! My check is in the mail!

Other SABLA "regulars" seen eatin' and drinkin' and visitin' were **Dennis McDonald**, **Bill & Ruby Wilhelm**, "AJ" & **Elizabeth Miles**, **George & Frances Puddy**! What they were drinkin' is their secret!



Host Ron Kiser (L) and Carl Kliehn (R)—"Best raffle ever - by Ron & Marilyn Kiser."

**Audrey Brandt** and **Jim & Sue Ann Meskan** were there too. Our "always there" people like **Bill & Muriel McMonagle**, **Ray & Margy Lauritzen**, **Nate Iannone & Claire**, and, of course, our "fearless leader" **Justin Dyer** were present too. **Bob Tucker** was in from Napa to Sonoma, and **Gene DeCrona** from Rancho Murieta. **Dick & Arline Stevens** "won" many raffle prizes—again! Dick claims he had a "bad" year last BBQ and was trying to "catch up" this year. I think he did! Did you miss seeing any of these former LAPDers?

AI & Vicki Proudfoot was usual were there, and what would a SABLA BBQ be without the likes of **Alex & Ginger Shearer**, and especially **Roger & Marine Williams** (see photo). Well, all six of these exLAPDers were there. By the way, where were you?

If I missed you at the BBQ or in this article, I'm sorry. Often there is not enough space or better yet the memory isn't there anymore! But onward we go.

For the month of December there will be NO regular Thursday luncheon get-together at the Palomino. Still on Thursday

## Dates to Remember

### December

Dec. 1	Chris West & Kevin Giberson	1730	1830
Dec. 2	RHD Christmas Party (all personnel)	1700	
Dec. 4	MMOC Holiday Party		
Dec. 5	Cops for Tots Toy Run	0700	
Dec. 5	Sierra Nevada Retired Blue Line	1830	1900
Dec. 10	Christmas Dinner		
Dec. 10	LaLey Christmas Social	1700	
Dec. 10	Hollenbeck Christmas Party	1800	
Dec. 11	DARE Winter Party		
Dec. 11	U.S.D. Holiday Party		
Dec. 12	LAWPOA Holiday Tea	1300	
Dec. 12	Retired Fire & Police	1300	
Dec. 12	Association Christmas Party		
Dec. 15	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
Dec. 16	S.A.B.L.A. Christmas Luncheon		
Dec. 16	Central Coast Fuzz Christmas Party		
Dec. 17	Devonshire Holiday Party		
Dec. 17	Newton Christmas Party		
Dec. 17	RHD Christmas Party (divisional)		
Dec. 18	Chief's Holiday Celebration	1830	
Dec. 18	Northeast Christmas Party		

### January

Jan. 12	Inland Blue Line	1100	1200
Jan. 13	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
Jan. 14	Dan Hills & Mike Nichol	1700	1800
Jan. 15	C.A.B.L.A.	1130	
Jan. 27	James Razukas, Eddie Shore, John Phillips	1130	

tho', we dress up a little and go to the Christmas luncheon at 1130 hours on Thursday, December 16, 1999, at Del Webb's in Roseville. This will be a buffet

SABLA always meets on the second Thursday of the month, at the Palomino Restaurant at Watt & El Camino, in Sacramento at 1130. However, don't forget,



(L to R): Roger Williams with a friend. "What Next?"

in the festively decorated ballroom, so come prepared to eat, drink and enjoy the holiday season with us. Please call Hoy Key for reservations at (916) 771-9206. No walk-ins please. We really need to know how many of you are going to be there for this luncheon. Call Hoy and leave a message if he's not home.

this month (December), we will be having our Christmas luncheon, and the Palomino will be dark.

If you can't make it to one of our monthly luncheons, write to us at P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353.

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.

More Retirement News on next page



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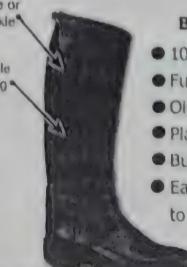
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### The Central Coast—Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Greetings, from all the Fuzz members residing in the beautiful Central Coast area. Hopefully, all of you are getting ready for the last holiday season of this century. I understand there are enormous preparations going on for the upcoming New Year's Eve celebration. I guess it will be something to behold, as it doesn't happen in everyone's lifetime. As for me, I am just thankful that I will be able to see it along with my friends and family. As for all the Y2K scenarios that are being bantered about, who really knows what will happen? One thing is for sure, the sun will come up and we will still have beautiful, divine, breathtaking sunsets along the California coast. In my opinion, any problems that develop will be, to use a quote by my good friend, retired Air Support Division Sgt. Jim Olmore, "mere speed bumps on the highway of life."

Looking ahead to the festivities of the season, the annual Christmas party for the Fuzz that Wuzz group will be held at the Madonna Inn, San Luis Obispo, on Thursday, December 16th.

Social Hour: 1100 hours; Lunch: 1200 hours; Cost: \$10 per person (what a deal!); Menu: It's guaranteed you'll like it; Favors: Door prizes galore (gifts

for all); Entertainment: The awesome SLO High School Choir; Additional: Lots of super LAPD people to chat with.

Everyone is welcome. For information, contact Brian Galbraith at 805-929-8248.

A while back, Alan Schlocker was highlighted in our Focus on the Fuzz. We mentioned that Brother Al spent 32 years on the LAPD and retired as a Captain at Valley Traffic Division in 1982. Well, in 1992 Al Schlocker's children took him to Laguna Lake in San Luis Obispo where they honored him with a special memorial for Father's Day. It consisted of a living oak tree accompanied by a special plaque. Brother Al was so moved that he thought it would be a great idea to honor his fellow LAPD officers in the same way. He presented the idea to the Fuzz members and today it is a reality, thanks to the efforts of Al Schlocker.

The memorial plaque, also located in the Commemorative Grove at Laguna Lake Park in San Luis Obispo, reads: This live oak honors LAPD Officers who protected and served. Dedicated by The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz, 12/10/92.

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League Directors Ted Hunt and Dennis P. Zine present League plaque to Detective Dick Simmons at his retirement party.



Al Schlocker displaying living oak tree honoring all LAPD officers at Lake Laguna; San Luis Obispo, CA.

get things handled properly. Even in the most stressful, tactical situations, Lenny always seemed to be able to calm things down at just the proper moment and bring everything to a successful conclusion. It was a privilege to have been associated with him and I know

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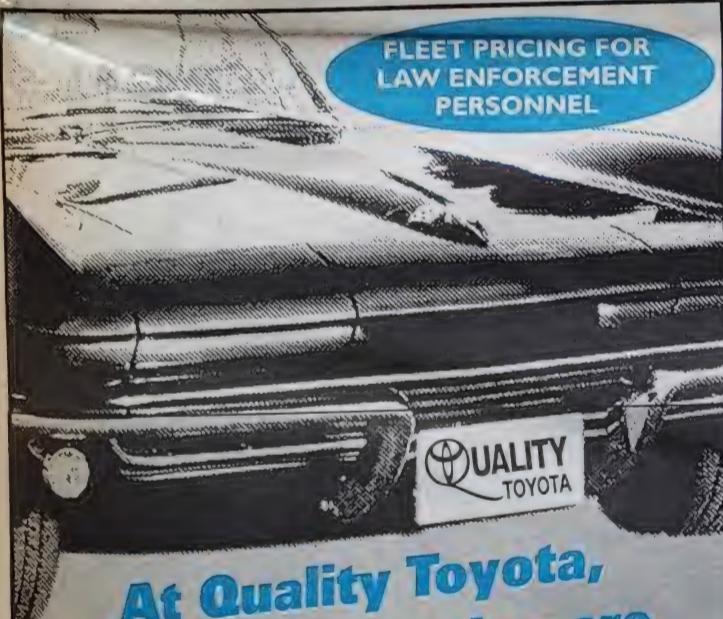


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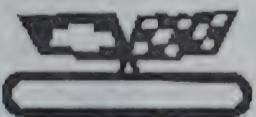
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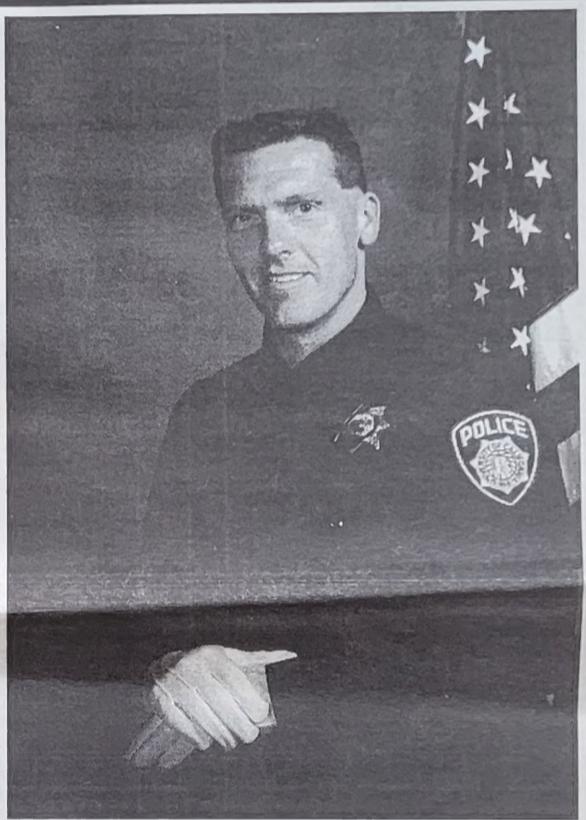
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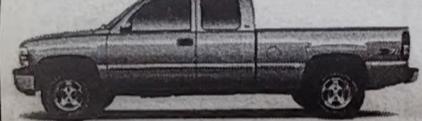
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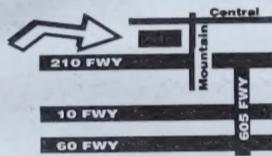
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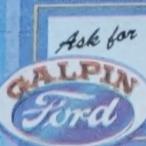
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